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CANTON'S ARMIES.

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MARSHAL LI'S COMMANDS.

Kwangtung's Military Plans And Transfers.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Sunday.
Chinese gunboats have taken up positions in various parts of the West River delta around Kongmoon and activities have been reduced accordingly. Duties have been assigned to the various Nationalist small craft by the Canton Naval authorities.

The hinterland of Kongmoon, known generally as the Sze Yup, is to see a change in the garrison. General Chen Ming-chu is to take over control from General Chui King-long. The former will have charge of military affairs in this area.

Wholesale Change.

Major-General Chan Cheung-po has succeeded General Chui King-long (who visited Hong Kong with Marshal Li Chai-sum) as commander of the 13th division. It is understood here that General Chui will assume command of the 4th Army. The 13th division and other units in the 4th Army which have been in the Sze Yup for some time, are being transferred to the East River valley and Swatow as part of the wholesale change in the defence of Kwangtung.—Our own correspondent.

NEW DEFENCES.

Marshal Li to Have Three Army Corps.

News in semi-official sources is that Marshal Li Chai-sum is to reorganise all detachments in Kwangtung into three army corps, as follows:—

11th Army under General Chen Ming-chu, to control the Sze Yup and the south of Kwangtung—southern command;

4th Army under General Chan Chai-tong (hitherto in charge of Swatow), to control the metropolitan districts, Canton River delta, Honam (opposite Canton), and adjoining territory—central command;

5th Army under General Chui King-long (who is concurrently director of the Provincial Military Bureau), to control the east of the province, from Sheklung, etc., all the way to Swatow—eastern command.

East River Valley.

The command of the 5th Army has been vacant since the defeat of the Ironsides and the simultaneous resignation of General Li Fook-lum. The 5th Army has been under General Tang Yin-wah, the Commissioner of Police, who has just relinquished his post and gone to the East River. Units of the 5th Army will, it is anticipated, be placed under General Chui King-long (in the eastern command) with General Tang Yin-wah as vice-commander, and this probably explains General Tang's departure for the East River.

FOREIGN PROTEST.

Increase in Levy of Taxes at Kongmoon.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), March 10.
Payments to Government offices, public institutions and even of railway fares, have been increased to 20 per cent. in Nationalist banknotes or, in the alternative, 10 per cent. in silver, at the individual's option. The "Consumption Tax Bureau" put the order into effect some time before. It is stated that the additional levy here is for charitable service.

Foreign merchants are protesting in connection with the increase and are still in negotiation with the local authorities.

A motor-bus company is now functioning between Kongmoon and Sanwui, in opposition to the Sunning Railway. Only six cars are being run, and the daily takings are about \$300.—Our own correspondent.

KOWLOON HOUSES.

Wing On Co. Involved In Big Scheme.

40 FLATS AND SHOPS.

2 Lakhs Nathan-rd. Contract As First Step.

As part of a bigger scheme for the erection of 40 houses and shops some of which will face Nathan-rd., others Hankow-rd., Peking-rd., and a new road which is to be cut from Peking-rd. and probably through as far as Hai-phong-rd. eventually, a contract has been entered into for the erection of ten houses facing Nathan-rd., to be let as shops on the ground floors and three-room flats for European occupation on the upper floors.

The land involved (110,000 sq. ft.) is that bounded by Nathan-rd., Peking-rd. and Hankow-rd., more than half a block to Hai-phong-rd., and its owners are the Wing On Company. The plans on which the architects, Messrs. Clark and Lu, and the contractors, Lau Pui Kee and Co., are now proceeding were approved some years ago and it is considered that conditions are now suitable for the work to proceed.

As soon as the ten houses facing Nathan-rd. are erected—the contract time is ten and a half months and the price, nearly two lakhs—ten houses are to be erected facing Hankow-rd., four facing Peking-rd. and sixteen facing the new road which is to be constructed.

The scheme involves the pulling down of four of the houses comprised in "Fairview" and the houses at present fronting Hankow-rd. will also have to come down eventually.

The flats to go above the ground floor shops in the proposed new houses will have roomy interiors, flush system and modern conveniences.

FIRST-AID WORK.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE INSPECTION.

FIXED FOR FRIDAY.

The annual inspection of St. John Ambulance Brigade by H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., which has been postponed on two occasions on account of inclement weather, is to take place on Friday, March 16, at 3.15 p.m. Invitations issued for the event on previous occasions are, of course, still good and there is every indication that there will be a large number present.

H.E. the Governor, on his arrival, will be received with a Royal Salute and he will then inspect the Corps. A demonstration of the work of the various units will then be given and the Brigade will form a hollow square, H.E. investing certain officers and presenting trophies gained during the year.

After His Excellency's address, the Corps will march past, H.E. receiving the salute.

GERMAN FARMERS.

OUTCRY AGAINST HIGH TAXATION.

CLASHES WITH POLICE.

Berlin, Yesterday.
The discontent of the farmers at high taxation and the alleged low duties on imported farm produce has culminated in anti-Government demonstrations. Several thousand small landowners in various places in Brandenburg, notably at Prenzlau and Neuruppin have collided with the police and have been dispersed with little damage apart from the breaking of windows at the local government offices.

The discontent was accentuated at a recent meeting at which the junkers and large landowners declared there would be bloodshed unless the government alleviated their "unhappy lot." Farmers also demonstrated in the province of Lippe, carrying placards inscribed: "The people have risen! The storm breaks!"—Reuter.

OVERDOSE OF OPIUM.

At the Kwong Wah hospital yesterday morning, a Chinese woman was admitted suffering from an overdose of opium, which was self-administered. She is known not to be in a serious condition.

PEKING'S "FATE."

Capital To Fall In The Spring!

SOME OBSERVERS' VIEWS.

The Kuomintang Renewing Offensive.

"Peking is expected to fall next spring, or as soon as the allied forces of the Chinese Nationalists complete their preparations," declares Mr. H. L. Misselwitz, the Far Eastern correspondent of the "New York Times." Formerly, Mr. Misselwitz was the United Press correspondent on the Yangtze.

Mr. Misselwitz is not the only foreign observer who believes that the fate of Peking is sealed. There are many others, including a number in Peking itself, who have come to the conclusion that once the Nationalist allies start their drive in earnest, the northern capital is theirs for the asking.

Preparations for War.

The Peking forces have done little so far to meet the Kuomintang, the "Christian General's" army, which has been quietly preparing for war during the last fortnight.

While the Northerners have been talking about a counter-offensive against the "Christian General," Feng Yu-hsiang, Chiang Kai-shek, the Generalissimo of the Nationalist Nationalists,

FIGHTING STARTS.

Outbreak On Kinhan Front.

Peking, To-day.

Hostilities have broken out on the Kinhan front.

It is learned semi-officially that the Kuomintang is attacking with the object of crossing the Chang-ho southward of Tachow and the Kinhan Railway.

The 29th Army is stubbornly resisting the attack with batteries from the Fengtien heavy batteries and up to now has prevented the Kuomintang forces achieving their object.

It is semi-officially claimed that the Fengtien troops have the situation well in hand.—Reuter.

is mentioned as due to leave Nanking with his staff to-day for Haichowfu, the Nationalist main base for operations against the North.

The "Christian General." The "Christian General" has removed his headquarters to Kai-feng, but he remains at Loyang which is further from the scene of hostilities than Kai-feng.

Chinese cables from Shanghai report activities in Peking military camp in the south of Chihli province. There are indications that the Peking Generals are concentrating new units with it, it is believed, the intention of making another raid on Shansi province, the ruler of which, General Yen Hsi-shan, is an ally of the Nationalists.

Chu Pei-teh's Decision.

Shanghai, To-day.
It is understood that Chu Pei-teh with 40,000 men has definitely aligned himself with General Chiang Kai-shek.—Reuter.

SPEED MOTORING.

BRITISH RECORD HOLDER HONOURED.

WAKEFIELD TROPHY.

London, Yesterday.

A very representative luncheon presided over by Sir C. C. Wakefield, in honour of Mayor Campbell on his return from America was made the occasion of Anglo-American goodwill in sporting rivalry.

The American Ambassador, in warmly congratulating Campbell, warned him to sleep with one eye open. America intended to win back the Wakefield Trophy presented to the holder for the land-speed record.

Mr. Joyson Hicks, acclaimed Campbell as a companion to Drake and Froisher, and emphasized that Campbell won the trophy with a British engine, British tyres, British plug and British sportsmanship.—Reuter.

AIRMAN KILLED.

Fatal Attempt on Speed Record.

FLT. LT. KINKEAD, R.A.F.

Nose Dived Into Sea From 400 Feet And Disappeared.

London, Yesterday.
Flight-Lieutenant Kinkead, one of the British team winners of the Schneider Trophy at Venice, has been at Calshot, Southampton Water, some time preparing to beat the world's speed record on supermarine Napier seaplane. He started to-day and dived into the sea and disappeared.

From 400 Feet.
Kinkead rose at 9.55 in the evening and circled several times. He alighted on the water and restarted. After flying 10 minutes he suddenly dived vertically from a height of 400 feet. A huge volume of water shot up and the whole disappeared. Two launches and a motorboat hurried to the spot but saw nothing.

An ambulance awaited on the jetty but none doubted that death must have been instantaneous.

God! He's Down.

Lt. Kinkead made an inauspicious beginning. After waiting the whole afternoon for a snow-storm to abate, he at first apparently experienced difficulty in rising but ascended for a 10 minutes' trial flight; then alighted on the water and re-rose to begin the long-prepared record flight.

He circled the aerodrome and opened the engine all out. The next moment he nose-dived vertically to the water.

Onlookers were transfixed with horror, crying "God! He's down!"

Craft from Portsmouth and tugs raced above the water and searched frantically, but only a few wood splinters marked the scene of the disaster.

From the time of the striking water like a gunshot there was no trace of Kinkead's machine. A very minute search established that the airman was definitely killed.—Reuter.

MR. JOHN K. DAVIS.

TRIBUTE TO HEROISM IN NANKING OUTRAGE.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD.

The President of the United States has conferred an unusual and distinctive honour upon Mr. John K. Davis, who was American Consul at Nanking at the time of the Nanking outrage and whose conduct bore marks of heroism. Mr. Davis's promotion in rank in the American Foreign Service afforded the President an opportunity to express his opinion of this consular officer's work in a personal letter, which once and for all time puts an end to the disgusting attempts of certain Americans to discredit Mr. Davis in the hope of minimising the importance of the Nanking outrage. President Coolidge's letter to Mr. Davis, which was published in the newspapers of the United States, follows:—

My Dear Mr. Davis:

I have received from the Department of State a recommendation that you be granted a special promotion from Class IV to Class III of the Foreign Service in recognition of your distinguished service at Nanking in March, 1927. It has given me great pleasure to send this nomination to the Senate.

The work of the Foreign Service is at times difficult and, on occasions, hazardous, but, as the long record of the service shows, its officers throughout the world have often given proof of splendid devotion to duty, disregard of danger and the ability to meet emergencies and to discharge creditably every responsibility placed upon them.

Your conduct at Nanking was in keeping with the best traditions of the service. The department has already commended you for your loyal and efficient performance of duty at your post, but I wish to add my own commendation of your zeal and courage which have set an example to your colleagues and in a large degree enhanced the prestige of the foreign service.

Very sincerely yours,
CALVIN COOLIDGE.

FLAPPER VOTES.

Bill Read A First Time.

EQUAL FRANCHISE.

Additional Five And A Quarter Million Votes Probable.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, the "Representation of the People Equal Franchise Bill," vulgarly known as "the flappers vote bill," was read for the first time.

This gives women aged 21 a vote on the same terms as men and would enfranchise 5,250,000 more women.

The electorate would then consist of 12,250,000 men and 14,500,000 women.—Reuter.

CIVIL AIRWAY.

THE LONGEST IN THE WORLD.

BRITISH HOPES.

London, Yesterday.
The Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel Hoare introduced the Air Estimates. He mentioned that within the next twelve months two new airships would be completed.

The vital problem was to quicken Imperial communications. The extra money he was asking for civil aviation would result, he hoped, during the

RAIN AND MIST?

Unpromising Weather Forecast.

"North-east winds, strong; overcast, some rain, drizzle or mist," is the weather forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon tomorrow.

To-day's weather report states:—The anti-cyclone has again strengthened slightly. Strong monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the northern portion of the North China Sea.

course of the year, in the beginning of the biggest civil air-route in the world, namely a weekly mail service to India, seven days from London to Delhi and nine from London to Calcutta.

Sir S. Hoare said we had not yet negotiated with the Dutch but once the India service was running he hoped to push on to the Dutch East Indies and Australia.—Reuter.

Persian Opposition.
The Minister expressed regret at the opposition of the Persian Government to the Persian section of the route. He pointed out that the project would cost the Persian Government nothing and would be a real asset to Persia. These obvious advantages had seemed at one time greatly to appeal to the Persian Government, whose officials had helped to make out the route and an agreement had actually been signed between the British and Persian Governments. These facts made him hope the present difficulties were due to a misunderstanding and that an agreement might still be reached satisfactory to both governments. Meanwhile the Air Ministry had been investigating the possibilities of alternative routes.—British Wireless Service.

TURKEY COMES IN.

PRELIMINARY DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE.

Constantinople, Yesterday.
The Government has decided to accept the invitation to participate in the preliminary disarmament committee on March 16. The delegation will consist of the foreign Minister, Tewfik Ruzhdi, a military adviser and the Turkish Minister at Berne.—Reuter.

COMING WEDDINGS.

The forthcoming marriages are announced of William Lumsden, master mariner, of the s.s. "Sui-yang," to Janet McKelvie, of Dundee, Scotland, en route to the Colony by the "Morea," and Hermilio Hermenegildo dos Remedios, assistant at the Rutonjee and Son, to Lucilla Maria Matos de Jesus, of 1, The Albany, Hong Kong.

NANKING EFFORTS.

To Crush Counter Revolution.

DRASTIC MEASURES.

The Crime Of Accepting Foreign Money.

Nanking, March 5.
The following is a translation of the provisional regulations governing the prosecution and punishment of counter-revolutionaries, adopted at the 130th meeting of the Central Political Council:

1. Persons guilty of any of the acts enumerated in Articles 2 to 7 shall be prosecuted and punished as counter-revolutionaries.

2. Persons participating in uprisings intended to overthrow the Kuomintang of China and the Nationalist Government or to subvert the Three People's Principles shall be punished severely according to the following provisions:

(a). Ringleaders shall be liable to sentence of death;

(b). Those executing important missions shall be liable to death or life-imprisonment;

(c). Accomplices of the above-mentioned two classes of counter-revolutionaries shall be liable to imprisonment of from 2nd to 4th degree.

Participants who confess their guilt before uprisings actually take place shall be allowed a mitigation in their punishment or be set free entirely.

3. Persons forming alliances with foreign countries detrimental to the sovereignty, interests or territory of China, or intending to overthrow the Kuomintang, or the Nationalist Government, or to subvert the Three People's Principles shall be punished with death.

4. Persons raising or in alliance with troops by means of foreign influence or foreign funds with a view to destroying the National Revolution shall be punished with death.

Punishment for Espionage.

5. Persons guilty of any of the acts enumerated below, designed and intended to destroy the National Revolution, shall be punished with death, life-imprisonment or imprisonment of the 2nd degree;

(a). To destroy with dynamite explosives, or by other means, railways, or other means of communication and all structures accessory thereto, or to use other means to cripple the uses thereof;

(b). To serve as guides or pilots to enemy troops or gunboats to enable them to penetrate into or be near to territories under Nationalist control;

(c). To steal, spy, or collect important or secret information, documents, pictures or photographs concerning military and political matters for delivery to the enemy;

(d). To manufacture, store or deal in arms, ammunition and all kinds of military supplies; or to engage in the transportation thereof;

(e). To furnish counter-revolutionaries with money or military supplies;

6. Persons engaged in propagating principles or policies not consistent with and contrary to the Three People's Principles or the policies of the National Revolution shall be punished with imprisonment of from 2nd to 4th degree.

7. Persons executing important missions in meeting or organisations called or formed for the purpose of overthrowing the Revolution shall be punished with imprisonment of from 2nd to 4th degree and the said meeting or organisations shall be dissolved. Mere participants in said meetings or organisations shall be punished with imprisonment of the 5th degree, or with detention.

Other Offences.

8. Persons guilty of murder, injuring other people, incendiarism, breaking up embankments to cause flood, causing destruction, or of other crimes under circumstances enumerated in Condition A of Article 2 and Article 5 shall be punished according to provisions of the Criminal Code.

9. Persons guilty of attempts to commit or devising secret plans to commit the crimes enumerated in Article 2 to Article 4 shall be allowed a mitigation of

SHIPS MISSING.

Heavy Storm Takes Japanese Toll.

FIVE VESSELS WRECKED.

Over 60 Drowned On Foundered Vessels?

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The s.s. "Etorofu Maru," which was at first believed to have been lost on Saturday night in a storm, has wireless stating that she is safe.

Rescue ships and aeroplanes which have been searching for two other missing vessels have returned, stating that these cannot be traced.

Some anxiety is felt regarding the "Shinyo Maru," which left Yokohama for San Francisco on Saturday, since when no word has been received, though this is possibly due to damage to the wireless during the storm.

Anxiety is also felt regarding twenty fishing boats with a total crew of about a hundred, which have been missing off the China coast since Saturday night's storm.—Reuter.

"Shinyo Maru" Safe.

Word has been received that the "Shinyo Maru" is safe. All hope regarding the safety of the "Daiichi Murosan Maru" and "Kashin Maru," two of the vessels which disappeared in Saturday night's storm, has been given up as portions of the floating wreckage have been discovered. It is feared that both foundered with all hands totalling 61.

It seems that the former was proceeding to the rescue of the "Koryu Maru" when she met with disaster herself. A number of other small vessels have limped into harbour during the past two days more or less damaged as the result of the storm.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Five vessels, ranging from 1,200 tons to 5,200 tons, were wrecked off the China Coast in a violent storm on the night of the 10th and 11th inst.

The crews of two of the ships were saved, but it is feared that the other three have foundered with all hands.

Meanwhile a destroyer and two other vessels are searching the localities where the ships are supposed to have been wrecked, while Naval planes are assisting in the search.—Reuter.

BAD WEATHER.

ENGLAND IN THROES OF COLD SNAP.

SEVERAL CASUALTIES.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Severe weather was experienced throughout the British Isles during the week-end. High north-easterly wind prevailed and the temperature fell to several degrees below freezing point. Snow was general, and in many parts it fell to a depth of several inches and road traffic was greatly impeded.

Early this morning there was a heavy fall in London but the streets were cleared before the busy hours. Four lives were lost as a result of the fierce weather.

Two fishermen were drowned by the over-turning of their boat in a blizzard.

Weather forecasts indicate the continuance of north-easterly winds and cold weather for the next three or four days.—British Wireless Service.

one or two degrees of their proper punishment.

11. Persons guilty of violation of these regulations who are sentenced to imprisonment of the 2nd degree, shall be deprived of their civil rights and all other rights.

12. All persons found guilty of counter-revolutionary crimes whether within or outside China shall be punished according to these regulations.

13. These regulations shall become effective from date of promulgation; they shall also be retroactive as regards persons now charged with violation of these regulations and are waiting trial.

—Kuo Min.

HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-

predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, & 1889. The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high-and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

March 9 to 15, 1928.						
DATE		HIGH WATER		LOWEST WATER		
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Sat. 10	m 11 39	5.9		m 5 11 1/2	2.2	
	11 50	6.4		m 5 58 1/2	2.6	
Sun. 11	m 11 59	5.5		m 5 10	2.7	
				m 6 44 1/2	2.7	
Mon. 12	m 0 28	4.9		m 6 9	2.1	
	0 36	5.6		m 6 40	2.9	
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	1 36	5.7		m 5 59 1/2	3.0	
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Fruits.

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山香	8	4	—
楊梅	—	12	—
桃子	each	12	10
檸檬	lb.	14	7
金檸檬	each	9	8
荔枝	lb.	18	25
枝干	—	13	—
新陳	—	18	—
甜橙	—	18	15

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.....	12	6
.....	12	6
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干椒	25	25
辣椒	40	10
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—Public Auctions—

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Registrar, Supreme Court, to sell by Public Auction

ON

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 14th and 15th March, 1928, commencing each day at 10 o'clock a.m. on the premises

The Goods and Chattels of Mrs. F. K. Cameron of No. 13, Queen's Road, Central, St. Francis Hotel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Floors, all that space on the ground floor known as the Lobby and a portion of the ground floor on the Right Wing of the Ho Hong Bank Building together with the servants' quarters at the back thereof

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On View on Day of Sale.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1928.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON

WEDNESDAY, 14th March, 1928, commencing at 2.45 p.m. at No. 465, The Peak, Barker Road.

A Quantity of

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

(Particulars from Catalogues.)
On View from Tuesday, the 13th March, 1928.

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Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, March 8, 1928.

ON

THURSDAY, the 15th March, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Valuable Collection of

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Comprising:—

Five Coloured Vases, Blackwood Joss Table, Carved Lacquer Vases, Porcelain Table Screens, Crystal Ornaments, Jade Vases and Birds, Ivory Figures, Porcelain Flower Bows, Plates, Bronze Gongs, Embroidered Mandarin Coats, Valances and Hangings, Chinese Hand Paintings, Lacquered Cupboards, Trunks, etc., etc.

Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Wednesday, the 14th March, 1928.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, March 8, 1928.

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ON

SATURDAY, the 17th March, 1928, at 12 o'clock Noon, at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

One Studebaker Motor Car—5 Seater.

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Hong Kong 13th March, 1928.

NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. O. Building, on FRIDAY, 16th March, 1928, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd March, 1928 to 16th March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1928.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at P. O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon on FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 300,000 shares of \$10 each to \$6,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon on MONDAY, the 2nd day of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on MONDAY, the 2nd day of April, 1928, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

1. "That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorised, to capitalise the sum of \$1,500,000 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1928, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1928."

2. "That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share may, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the person entitled to the fractions making up the share."

Dated the 3rd day of March, 1928.

By Order of the Board,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

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NOTICES.

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB.

"TREVESA" TROPHY.

THE NINTH BI-ANNUAL RACE for Ships' Lifeboats will be sailed on WEDNESDAY, the 14th March next, starting at 4 p.m.

Each ship may enter any number of boats.
Course:—Start from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Rock (P), Mark off Yacht Club (S), Cuck Rock Gas Buoy (P), finish at the Yacht Club across the line from West to East.

Competing Boats must be at the starting line by 3.30 p.m. and place themselves under the Starter's orders so that they can be lined up before the gun is fired.

Ships proposing to enter boats are requested to notify the Hon. Secretary, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, not later than noon, on the 14th March.

R. J. VERNALL,

Hon. Secretary, H.K.Y.C.

Hong Kong, 13th February, 1928.

NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928 (both days inclusive).
By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th March, 1928.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of March, 1928, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 13th March, 1928, until WEDNESDAY, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON

& CO., LTD.

General Managers,

The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 5th March, 1928.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

EASTER MEETING.

Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the **EASTER MEETING** to be held on Saturday, 31st March, may be obtained from **DR. F. PIERCE-GROVE**, Alexandra Buildings, ENTRIES close before NOON, Wednesday, 20th March, 1928.

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SEALED TENDERS will be received at the R.N. HOSPITAL, until 10 a.m. on the 21st March, 1928, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Bread, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Aerated Waters, Ice, and other provisions, and necessities for the year ending 31st March, 1929.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R.N. Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

H. J. CHATER,
Surgeon Captain, R.N.

R.N. Hospital, Hong Kong.

12th March, 1928.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 17th March, 1928, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including Ladies.
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each up to Friday, 16th March, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meetings.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1928.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following Unclaimed Telegrams are lying in the E. E. Telegraph Co. office, Hong Kong:—
Hinton, from Worthing.
Horsfield, from Trujillo.

Sergt. Selmes Jockey, from Margate.

E. A. LEGGATT,

Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1928.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD. OF DENMARK.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—
John Wold, from Tokio.

Bentley Police, from Shanghai.
Kokichi Inomata, c/o Okura, Praya East, from Penchlu.
Mrs. K. P. Chen, Kowloon Hotel, from Shanghai.

E. V. JESSEN,

Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1928.

GEN. HUANG FU.

FURTHER EXPLAINS HIS POSITION.

THE POWERS.

In further explanation of his foreign policy General Huang Fu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government, interviewed by a press representative said as follows:

"While international treaties are binding and, therefore legally speaking, the treaties entered into between the defunct Peking Government and the Powers previous to the establishment of the Nationalist Government have to be recognised as valid, at the same time, most of these treaties are humiliating to our national dignity and greatly detrimental to our interests. Supported by the entire strength of the Nationalist Government, I shall try to reach the goal either of abrogating or revising these unilateral and unequal treaties. Of course, our method of abrogating these treaties must be other than a mere declaration that they are invalid."

The Loans We Oppose.
"As regards those treaties for loans contracted from foreign governments by Peking since the establishment of the Nationalist Government, we naturally cannot recognise them as valid, the Nationalist Government having already publicly declared its opposition to them at Canton."

"More recently still, the Communists secretly intended to concede Mongolia in favour of Russia to obtain assistance so as to prolong their agitation. Chang Tso-lin likewise has planned to use Manchuria and the Chinese Eastern Railway as a quid pro quo for Japanese money and other assistance. The Nationalist Government, mindful of such dangers, specially declared its attitude in order that the Japanese and Russian Governments may awaken to their mistaken greed for their selfish interests of the immediate future, forgetting that the Nationalist Government is China's sole organ for foreign relations, and thereby causing complications in the future."

Straight Talk To Japan.
As regards his policy toward Japan, Minister Huang expressed himself in unequivocal terms. He said:

"That Japan has entertained wild ambitions regarding China is easily noticeable by all clear-sighted men and that Chang Tso-lin is anxious to secure Japan's support in order to prolong his existence is a fact still more evident. There is only one question behind the shaping of any country's attitude as regards another, and that is, whether the other country's attitude embraces an aggressive policy. If Japan can completely alter her former policy and cease her assistance to Chang Tso-lin, then the Nationalist Government ought to be able to look at the past with sympathy and tolerance."

Only recently I was discussing with General Chiang Kai-shek various matters in connection with the Northern Expedition. If Japan, at the moment of our positive advance into Shantung, refrains from despatching troops there, or only sends a small number of soldiers and remains true to her spirit of merely protecting Japanese subjects in Shantung and not being an obstacle to the movement of the Northern Expeditionary Forces, then her attitude can manifest itself, and therefore, the

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"The attitude of the American Government towards China has been more conciliatory than both Japan and Great Britain, but recently due to the Nationalist Government not having yet arrived at a definite settlement with the American Government as regards the Nanking Incident, America has not been quite sympathetic and tolerant. However, my conversations with the American Minister, Mr. J. V. A. MacMurray, during his recent visit here, were highly satisfactory."

Mr. Edwards' Visit.
In response to an inquiry as to whether he had conferred with Mr. A. H. F. Edwards during the latter's recent visit, Minister Huang stated:

"Mr. Edwards is an employee of the Chinese Government and his position is equivalent to that of a guest. But owing to his closer connection with the Ministry of Finance, the Minister of Finance, Mr. T. V. Soong, had several discussions with him. Though I also saw him during his stay here, our conversation was purely private, as I had made his acquaintance at Peking. In reference to the Tariff question, I was greatly dissatisfied with Mr. Edwards' conduct in appropriating \$500,000 out of the Customs Surplus to the Peking Government last year, and I took the opportunity to call his attention to the matter."—Kuo Min.

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Nationalist Government, as well as the entire Chinese people, can assume a new attitude towards, and change their traditional views regarding Japan; for then, I firmly believe our Northern Expedition can conquer Peking in two months, and likewise Sino-Japanese relations will gradually become more friendly."

The Attitude To Britain.
Referring to Great Britain, Minister Huang said:

"The encroachments of Great Britain upon China in the past have been most deeply detestable and have consequently aroused national hatred of the entire Chinese people. But lately, the British Government has apparently awakened to its mistakes as evidenced by Sir Austen Chamberlain's repeated professions of profound sympathy towards the aspirations of the Chinese people. Even in other quarters, there are manifestations of sincere British attempts to modify its traditional policy toward China. If in future the British Government can adhere consistently to the policy of international justice and fair dealing, the Nationalist Government can also reciprocate with goodwill."

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STANDARD TIME.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong during March, according to the standard time of the 120th meridian east of Greenwich, is as follows:—

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
March	a.m.	p.m.
13	6.34	6.32
14	6.34	6.32
15	6.33	6.33
16	6.32	6.33
17	6.31	6.33
18	6.30	6.33
19	6.29	6.34
20	6.27	6.34
21	6.27	6.35
22	6.26	6.36
23	6.25	6.36
24	6.24	6.36
25	6.23	6.36
26	6.22	6.37
27	6.21	6.37

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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
TOKUSHIMA MARUFriday, 16th March.
GENOA MARUWednesday, 28th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles,
Mexico & Panama.Thursday, 15th March.
ANYO MARUThursday, 15th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
HAKATA MARUTuesday, 10th April.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

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TO-DAY'S REPORT AND
DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

The arrival of vessels to this Colony in the time under review, as recorded at the Harbour office this morning, shows a list of 16 arrivals, including 5 British; 5 Chinese; 4 Japanese; 1 American and 1 Dutch vessels.

The cargo imported to Hong Kong by the above number of vessels totals 14,096 tons, to which amount the 5 British vessels shipped 2,376 tons.

Cargo being shipped through Hong Kong for ports beyond amounts to 14,286 tons, 4,069 tons are being carried by the British vessels.

The best return for to-day for cargo shipped to the colony was registered by the s.s. "Malay Maru" from Milke—Messrs. M.B.K.—5,500 tons coal.

For cargo being shipped through Hong Kong for ports beyond, the highest figure contributed, was shown by the s.s. "Ceylon Maru" from Singapore—Messrs. N.Y.K.—4,649 tons general cargo.

Passengers arrived to the Colony in the time under review, totals 1,835 persons, which include 1,174 Asiatic deck passengers, 591 Asiatic cabin; 70 European cabin.

Departures.
For Tarakan—Unio.
For K. C. Wan—Sinkong, Tai Sze Ma; Chung Hing.

For Shanghai—Au Lee, Cape Town Maru.
For Hoilow—Chian Lee, Eigen.
For Swatow—Hydrangea, Liang-chow.

For Canton—Ningpo, Fooching.
For Singapore—Sado Maru.
For Manila—Coblentz.
For Amoy—Sui Yang.
For Moji—Suisan.
For Macao—Tak Ming.

Clearances.
For Swatow—Apocoy, Hai Ching.
For Shanghai—Pres. Jefferson.
For Canton—Teau.

For Whampoa—Tonjer.
For Tamshui—Nittago Maru.

Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals	Departures	Port.
British	5	6	26
Japanese	4	2	14
Chinese	5	7	21
American	1	0	2
Norwegian	0	1	6
German	0	1	1
Danish	0	0	1
French	0	0	6
Dutch	1	0	2
Portuguese	0	0	2
	16	17	80

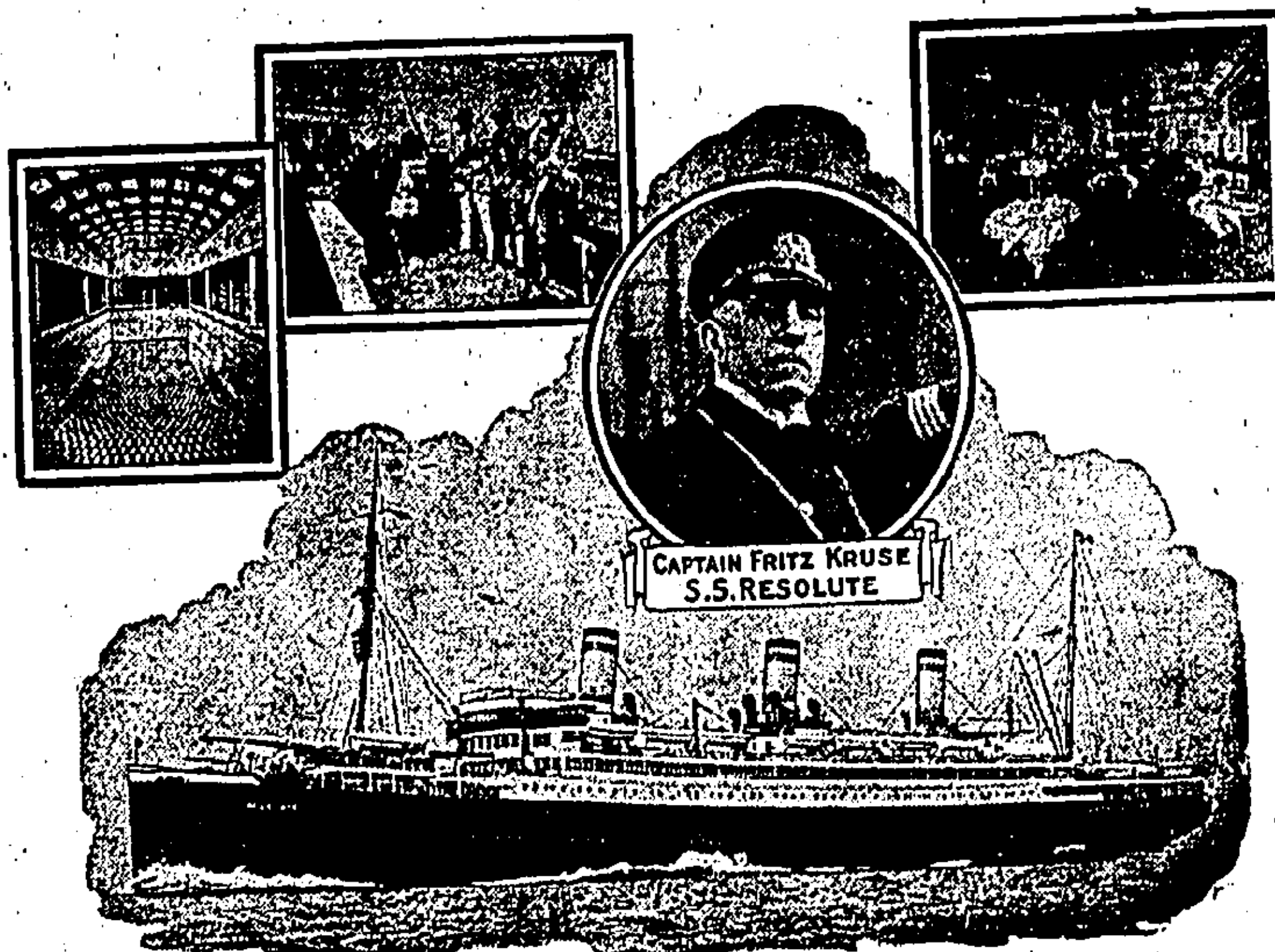
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S.S. "CITY OF BOMBAY"via Suez Canal20th April.
S.S. "CITY OF EASTBOURNE"via Suez Canal18th May.

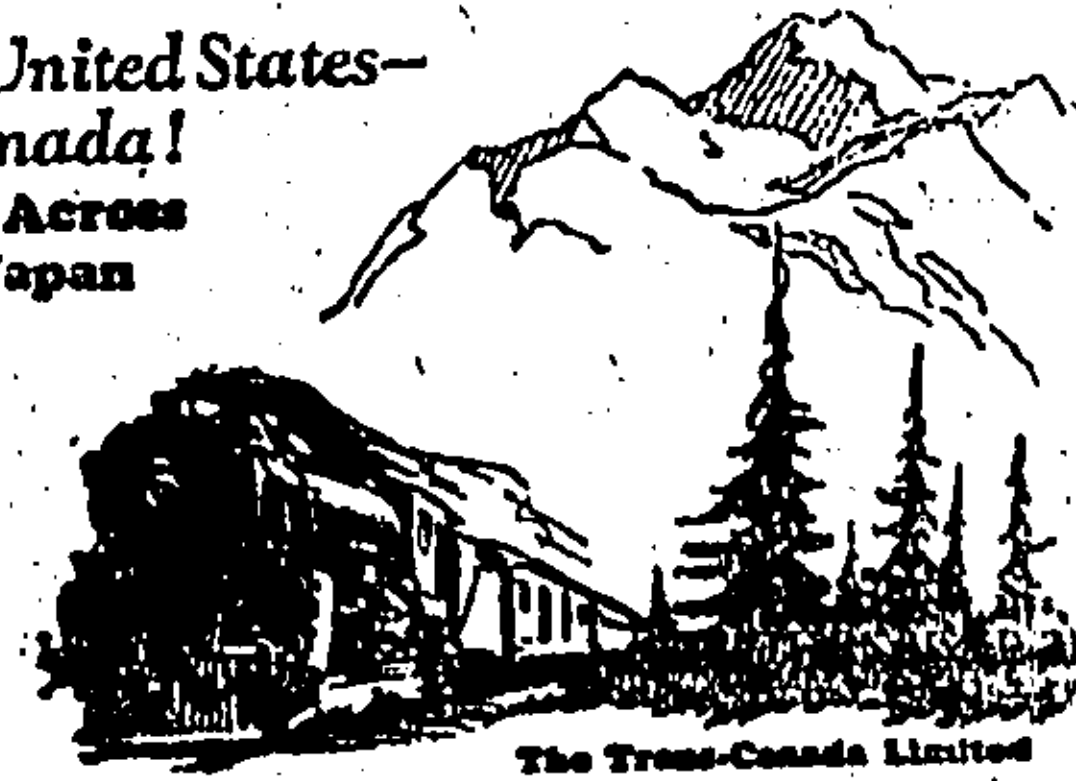
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MENADO MARUTuesday, 13th Mar. 10 a.m.
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WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in harbour this morning:—North Wall, Petersfield and Sirdar; South Wall, Moth and Seamew; East Wall, Gunboats, Ironclads and Subs.; North Arm, Cornflower, Bluebell and Subs.; West Wall Dock, Foxglove and Somme; In Dock, Ambrose, Onslaught and Alliance; Buoy 1, Argus; Buoy 2, Magnolia; Buoy 3, Herald; Buoy 5, Cumberland; Buoy 6, Vendictive; Buoy 7, Titania and Subs.; Buoy 18, Ruthenia; Buoy 19, Serapis; Buoy 25, Kharki; Buoy 27, Marazion; Kowloon Anchorage, Belgol, Franco and Fortoli; Foreign Men-o-War, U.S.S. Ashville; Portuguese, Pero De Alenquer and Patris; Italian, Sebastiano, Cuboto and French, Argus and Bellatrix.

For the fifth successive year there are no prisoners for trial at the Rutland Assizes.

When Louis Elyashavitch, aged 85, a Russian, was fined £20 at Marlborough-street for using the name of E. Lewis, it was stated that he was the head of a troupe of Russian dancers who were giving a performance at a police charity function that evening.

NEW LAW LORD.

Lord Atkinson has resigned his office as a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary. Sir James R. Atkin, one of the Lords Justices of Appeal, has in consequence been appointed a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, and Mr. Justice Sankey a Lord Justice of Appeal.

Lord Atkinson, who is 83, has been a Lord of Appeal since 1905. He was formerly Attorney-General for Ireland and Conservative M.P. for Londonderry.

Lord Justice Atkin, who is 61, became a barrister in 1891. He gained a very big practice in commercial cases, and when he was made a judge in 1913, at the age of 46, he was the youngest judge on the Bench. He was appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal in 1919.

Mr. Justice Sankey, who is 62, was made a judge in 1914. He presided over the famous Coal Industry Commission in 1919. He is very fond of walking.

An investigation into the relation of tinned foods to health is to be undertaken by the Food Committee of the New Health Society, of which Sir William Arbuthnot Lane is president.

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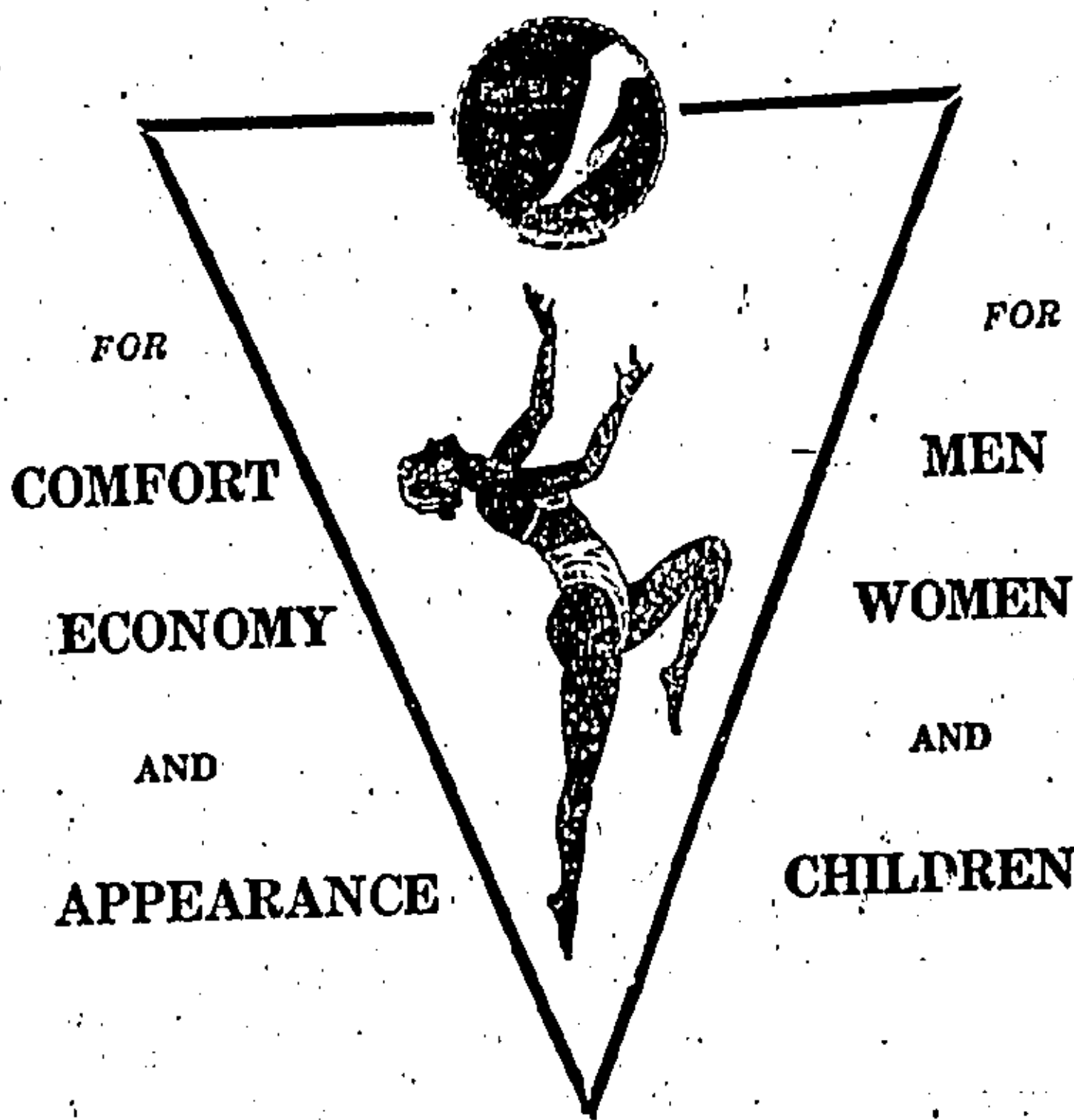
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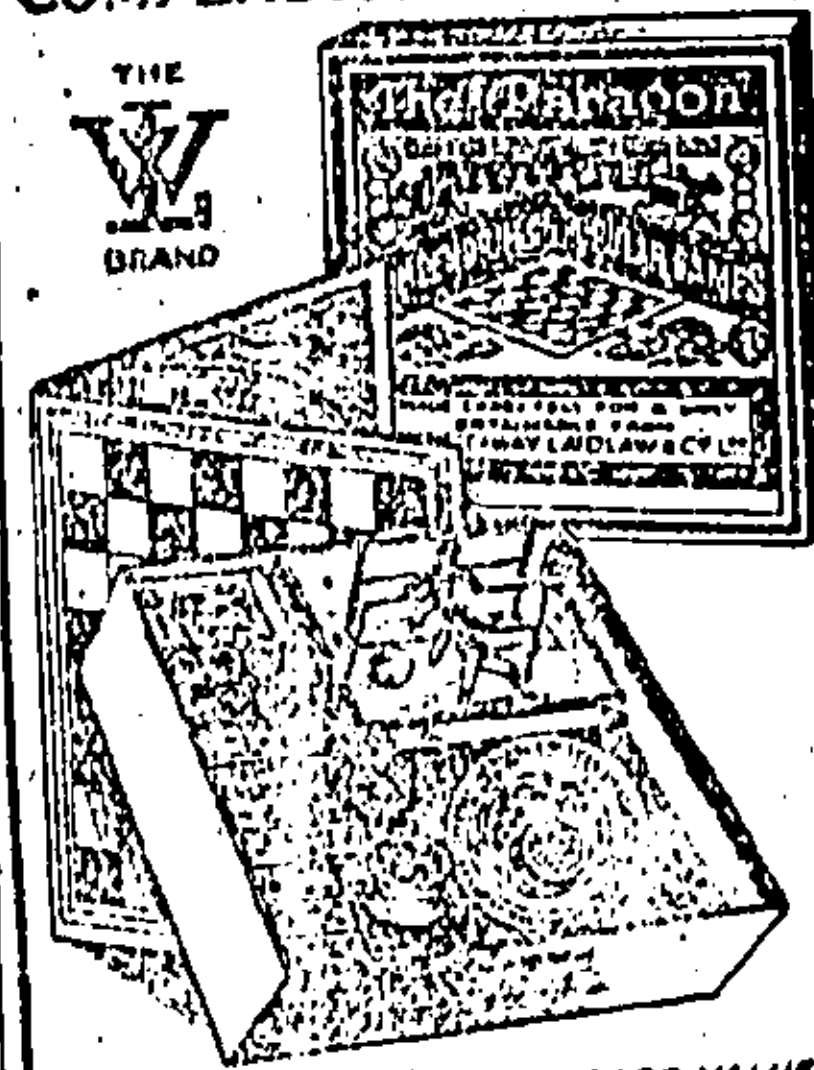
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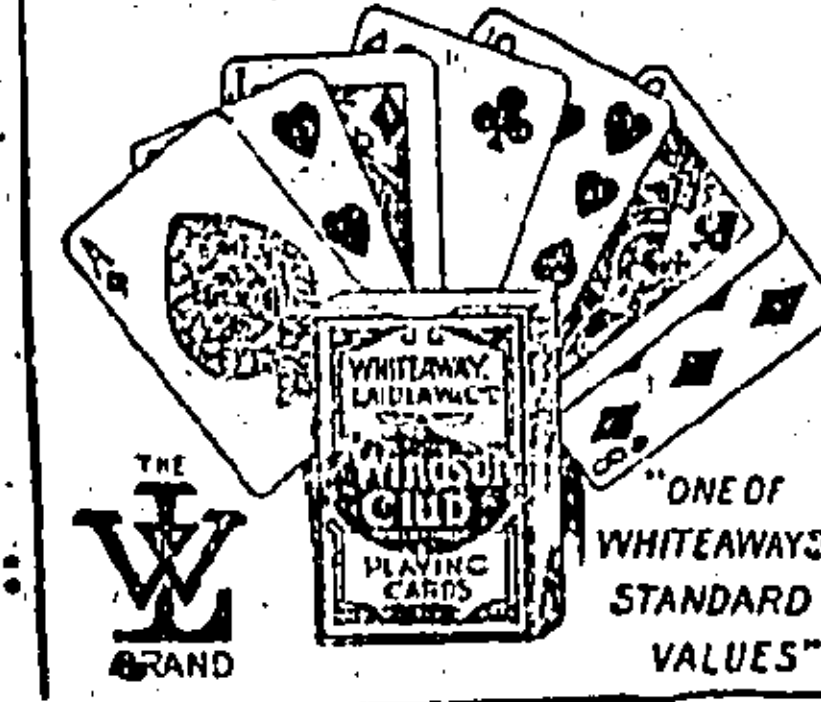


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VOTES FOR "FLAPPERS."

"Ten years ago women in Britain were fighting for the vote; to-day we read of a Bill being steered through Parliament to open the ballot to females of twenty-one. And if this Bill finds its way to the Statute Book, women will discover that they have got more than they bargained for. Even among those who struggled so strenuously in the days of the female suffrage movement and went to prison for their convictions (or rather for backing them with unlawful activities) there are many who do not favour this proposed move on the part of the Conservative Government now in office. Whilst believing that the vote should not be confined to members of the male sex; they would like to see the franchise for which they have so valiantly worked put only in the hands of those qualified to exercise its power to the best advantage; and "girls" or "flappers" of twenty-one, in their opinion, assuredly do not come within that category. There is much to be said for their point of view. A woman, it has been said, never knows her own mind. How then can a "flapper" of twenty-one know her own mind? Some, of course, do, and this line of argument, at the best, is fallacious.

Perhaps the real reason these old campaigners do not approve of the enfranchisement of five and a quarter million fellow-females is because the latter have not had to work on fight for the vote. This is perfectly true. There have been no agitations, so far as we are able to ascertain, directed towards obtaining the vote for "flappers." It seems they are to be presented with it whether they wanted it or not, for there is every likelihood of the Bill going through both Houses. Maybe this potential piece of legislation is, as opponents of the Conservative cause have alleged, merely a political move; that the party in power, realising the near approach of a General Election, has decided upon votes for "flappers" as something they can give without embarrassing themselves or involving the country in undue expense. In which direction the five and a quarter million new voters are going to use their authority is, of course, unknown, but the Conservatives seem content with the gamble.

In the course of discussion upon the proposed measure at Home, and also in the course of the writing of this article, the word "flapper" has been used to designate the new voters. No doubt those at home, like ourselves, possess no particular regard for the word, which if nothing else is damned because of its newness. It is, however, as all must admit, wonderfully expressive, though it is equally true that it lacks dignity. But is it vulgar? The query is prompted by the Reuter message published to-day announcing that the Bill has passed its first reading in the House of Commons. Our agency friends cable out its full title, "The Representation of the People Equal Franchise Bill"—we presume this is supposed to be its full title—and add "vulgarily known as 'The Flappers' Vote Bill.'" Sir Roderick Jones, the head of Reuter's, we remember, recently indicated that more of the descriptive was desirable in Press messages. Is the message to which we have just referred, we wonder, an example of how the agency proposes to live up to its reports to subscribers? We have an idea that we have used that word "flapper" on previous occasions when writing about the Bill and in consequence are now preparing to bury our head deep in our bosom. For vulgarity is unpardonable.

FOUND HANGING.

A Chinese woman was yesterday removed to the Public mortuary from her flat in No. 72 Staunton street, first floor, where she was found early in the morning hanging by the neck by a cord over her bed space. The Police report states work on fight for the vote. This is a case of apparent suicide.

SCHOOL PRIZES.

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SUCCESSFUL YEAR'S WORK.

A successful year's work was reported at the annual prize distribution of St. Joseph's College yesterday when, among those present were:—Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education (chairman), Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, Mrs. Ralphs, who distributed the prizes, the Rev. Brother Visitor, Brother Paul, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, the Very Rev. Father G. M. Spada, the Very Rev. Father Biotton, the Rev. H. Byrne, Mr. Woo Hay-tong, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Talant, Mr. A. Morris, Mr. A. Osmund, Mr. H. Dixon, and Mr. Jos. Chanatong.

After an excellent concert, the Rev. Brother Director Almar read his annual report in the course of which he referred to the loss sustained in the death of the venerable Brother Joseph, to the increase of numbers in the Senior classes, to the creditable examination results, to the benefactions of Mr. Woo Hay-tong and other matters.

Mrs. Ralphs presented the prizes as follows:—

Matriculation.
Honours:—F. A. Gill, (Dist. Mathematics, Higher Mathematics and Trigonometry); A. M. Rodrigues, (Dist. Higher Mathematics and Trigonometry).
Pass List:—G. A. Agabeg, (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), R. E. Alvares, (Dist. English), P. V. Botelho, V. A. Chan Wai, R. U. Danenberg, S. E. Edgar, C. A. Figueiredo, (Dist. Higher Mathematics), J. B. Gonçalves, (Dist. Higher Mathematics), J. J. Guterres, Khaw Eng-long, Lam Tran-chau, (Dist. Higher Mathematics), Leung Oi-chuen, H. J. Noronha, O. M. Omar, J. D. dos Remedios, (Dist. Higher Mathematics), P. F. Rozario, Tam Heung-shing, (Dist. Mechanics), T. Thavethikul, G. F. Victor, P. A. Xavier, and Yan Shu-fan.

The Senior Local.
R. Castro, H. F. Gonçalves, L. G. Marques, Shum Ip-kwong, Wong Cho-kang, E. Blanco, A. M. da Silva, and J. A. dos Remedios.

Junior Local.
E. Abraham, (Dist. English), C. Barrios, (Dist. English, Arithmetic and Spanish), Chao Po-yung, (Dist. Arithmetic), Chao Chu-wan, (Dist. Arithmetic), Cheung Shui-ling, (Dist. Arithmetic), M. Cheung Wing-yau, Choa Wing-ki, (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), Ho Siew-um, (Dist. Arithmetic, Physics and Mathematics), Leung Chew-pak, M. H. Murphy, (Dist. English, Arithmetic, French, Physics, and Mathematics), Pang Kam-yung, J. C. Quincey, and G. H. V. Ribeiro, (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), C. F. Rozario, A. Thomas, (Dist. English, Arithmetic, French, and Mathematics), C. Victor, (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), H. Wing Lee, (Dist. Mathematics and Biblical Knowledge), Woo Pak-chuen, (Dist. Arithmetic, Physics, and Mathematics), C. M. Xavier, (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), J. M. Xavier, Chin Su-hong.

Prize Winners.
Matriculation Classes:—Biblical Knowledge, 1st G. Agabeg, (Rev. Br. Visitor's Prize), 2nd H. Gonçalves, English Grammar and Composition, 1st Renato Alvares, (Bellios Scholarship), 2nd A. Rodrigues, (Woo Hay-tong Scholarship), 1st Thavi Thavethikul, 2nd Peter Rosario, Arithmetic, 1st L. Tran Chau, 2nd A. Rodrigues and F. Gill.

Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, 1st F. Gill, (Edgar Brothers Scholarship), 2nd A. Rodrigues, Physics and Chemistry, Leung Oi-chuen, (Simon Tse-yun Scholarship), Chinese, 1st Leung Oi-chuen, (Li Shek-pang Gold Medal), French, 1st Thavi Thavethikul, (Montargis Prize), 2nd Li Tran Chau.

Portuguese, 1st Renato Alvares, Higher Mathematics, 1st A. Rodrigues, 2nd F. Gill, English History, 1st Henry J. Noronha, 2nd F. Gill, Geography, 1st Leung Oi-chuen, 2nd K. Eng Long.

Mechanics, 1st Tam Heung-shing, 2nd F. Gill, Junior Classes: Biblical Knowledge, 1st C. Victor, 2nd Harold W. Lee, 3rd Leo Choa.

English, 1st E. Abraham, (Junior Bellios Scholarship), 2nd A. Thomas, 3rd M. Murphy, Arithmetic, 1st W. Pak Chuen, H. Siew-um and C. Pao Yung, Geography, 1st A. Thomas, Mathematics, 1st M. Murphy, (Br. Peter's Memorial school), 2nd H. Wing Lee and Woo Pak-chuen.

Drawing, 1st J. C. Quincey, 2nd M. C. Wing Yau, 3rd C. Pao Yung, Book-keeping, 1st Ho Siew-um, 2nd J. M. Xavier.

Physics, 1st M. Murphy, 2nd W. Pak Chuen, 3rd H. Siew-um, Chemistry, 1st W. Pak Chuen, 2nd M. Murphy, 3rd A. Thomas, French, 1st A. Thomas, (Montargis Junior Local Prize).

Chinese, 1st Ho Siew-um, 2nd Pang Kam-yung, Portuguese, 1st G. Remedios, (Portuguese Consul General's Prize).

Mechanics, 1st Chao Pao-yung, Class 3A:—1st A. Wong, (Lugard Scholarship), 2nd A. Rozario, 3rd J. Remedios, 4th A. Chan, 5th E. Gosano, 6th C. Abbas, 7th T. Barretto, 8th H. De Sa.

Class 3B:—1st Germano Ribeiro, (Old Boys' Scholarship), 2nd Carlos Xavier, 3rd Gustavo Ribeiro, 4th G. Castro, 5th J. Guterres, 6th G. Noronha, 7th George Yeung, 8th G. Guterres.

Class 3C:—1st Woo Pak-foo, (Old Boys' Scholarship), 2nd Chow Hin-yau, 3rd Liao Shih-yuan, 4th Lum Ying-ai, 5th Kwok Kue-chang, 6th Chow Yau-cheung, 7th Law Kit-wah, 8th Ling Kwok-yin.

Class 4A:—1st F. Rozario, 2nd E. Figueiredo, 3rd G. Remedios, 4th L. Silva, 5th A. Lazaroo, 6th J. Johnson, 7th Leo Yu, 8th Leon Millan.

Class 4B:—1st Ralph A. Poon, 2nd Wong Dai-sing, 3rd George Lenz, 4th Wong C. Kwong, 5th H. Ozorio, 6th K. S. Yuen, 7th J. Remedios, 8th R. Laurel.

Class 4C:—1st Cheung Man-peng, 2nd Wong Ho-lap, 3rd Wong Nai-shing, 4th Leung Chee-min, 5th Ng Keng-chee, 6th Yuen Tat-lau, 7th Chan Kin-wah, 8th Chan Chin-kit.

Class 5A:—1st C. Wing-lee, 2nd A. Cordelro, 3rd A. Williams, 4th J. O'Sullivan, 5th David Fung, 6th L. Silva, 7th A. N. da Silva, 8th C. Ghafur.

Class 5B:—1st Ho Shiu-lai, 2nd Lau Wing-kwong, 3rd Ho Hong-kuen, 4th Li Yook-yim, 5th Chow Di-cheong, 6th Chin King-yung, 7th Leung Li-kai, 8th Chin Tat-yung.

Class 6A:—1st H. Guterres, 2nd E. Souza, 3rd G. Souza, 4th G. Abraham, 5th A. Elms, 6th T. Jeffrey, 7th W. Lee, 8th J. Brewer.

Class 6B:—1st Mok Kai-ye, 2nd Sun Kai-yin, 3rd Mok Kai-lim, 4th Li Fuk-shu, 5th Sydney Lee, 6th Fung Cheuk-yin, 7th Mok Hin-bun, 8th Li Chok-lai.

Class 7A:—1st Leonard Sanhi, 2nd Marcos Tavares, 3rd James Hunt, 4th Yuen Ho-yuen, 5th William Sprinkle, 6th Li Ching, 7th Saturnino Faria, 8th Tony Alves.

Class 7B:—1st Wong Shiu-kong, 2nd Pang Chi-piu, 3rd Ho Hung-chiu, 4th Chan Man-yuen, 5th Chan Hon-plu, 6th Yung Tse-hong, 7th Chan Yin-cheong, 8th Chan Sheong-chi.

Class 8A:—1st K. Carroll, 2nd E. Abbas, 3rd G. T. Vas, 4th C. L. Chang, 5th R. Sequeira, 6th S. S. Ching, 7th C. H. Kwang, 8th C. Remedios.

Class 8B:—1st Cheung Man-piu, 2nd Kwok Kam-kok, 3rd Lo Chung-kam, 4th Wong Shui-tang, 5th Lo Chung-hung, 6th Kee Yau-shing, 7th Fong Chung-lam, 8th Li Man-shui.

Kowloon Branch.
Class 5:—1st Frank Allum, 2nd Guilherme Britto, 3rd Roque da Silva, 4th Rumahn Khan, 5th Fred. Abraham, 6th Reinaldo Ribeiro.

Class 6:—1st Ricardo Xavier, 2nd Armando Xavier, 3rd Lionel Osmund, 4th So Yuet-on, 5th Leo Remedios, 6th Damas d'Aquino, 7th John da Souza, 8th Sergio Rosario.

Class 7:—1st Lionel Rodrigues, 2nd David Demee, 3rd Douglas Hardwick, 4th So Yuet-wah, 5th Carlos Soares, 6th Laurence Chan.

Class 8:—1st Arthur Gomes, 2nd Sonny Castro, 3rd Lucie Remedios, 4th Cesario Rozario, 5th Filomeno Silva, 6th Francis George, 7th Desmond Roynance, 8th Jose d'Aquino.

Special Prizes.
Religious Knowledge:—Class 1, H. J. Noronha, (His Lordship The Bishop's Prize); Class 2, C. Victor; Class 3, A. Wong; Class 4, C. Wing Lee; Class 5, A. Cordelro; Class 6, H. Guterres; Class 7, Young Tse-hong; Class 8, Lo Chung-hung.

Kowloon Branch:—Class 5, Frank Allum (Very Rev. Fr. Spada's Prize); Class 6, Ricardo Xavier; Class 7, Lionel Rodrigues; Class 8, Arthur Gomes.

Portuguese School.
Prizes received from the "Associação Portuguesa de Socorros Mutuos" to be awarded to:

Kowloon:—Class VI, Masters Damaso Aquino and Antonio Souza; Class VII, Masters A. P. Souza and L. Souza.

Hong Kong:—Class V, Master G. Remedios and Henrique Rosa; Class IV, Masters Domingos Fuertes and Victor Souza; Class III, Master Sebastiao Hung and Alberto Xavier; Class II, Masters Germano Ribeiro, Carlos Xavier, and Carlos A. Rozario.

Portuguese Consul-General's Prize awarded to Master Gussy Remedios, Mr. D'Almeida's Prize awarded to Master Lionel Osmund (Kowloon) for his application.

Portuguese Examinations.
The following candidates have passed their Portuguese Senior and Junior Examinations (University): Masters Gussy Remedios, Jose M. Gilberto V. Ribeiro, Jose M. Xavier, Luiz Barros and Alberto Pina, (Junior); Renato Alvares, Joao B. Goncalves, Philo A. Posa.

The Concert.
Those taking part in the concert were the Rev. Father A. Rignani, Professor E. Guindl, Master J. Paterson, Mr. J. Braga, Master Michael Murphy and the College Choir.

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P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

To silent member of quartet
"Why aren't you singing, old boy?"
His answer—"My mother told me to beware of wine, women and song. I've given up singing."

Two restaurants in adjoining localities were trying to outdo each other.

One morning a sign was put in the window of one reading: "The cook from next door eats here." The owner of the other restaurant, seeing it, placed a sign in his window saying: "Our cook died from poison last night."

Teacher—"If you have five cents and lose two, how many would you have left?"
Ikey—"For vy should I lose two cents?"

A singularly embarrassing misprint occurred not long ago, and the doctors are said to be up in arms as a result of it.

"The doctor felt the patient's pulse," the sentence ran, and declared there was no hope.

Announcement in a weekly paper:—
"Owing to lack of space and the rush of editing this issue several births and deaths will be postponed until next week."

An old German, drawn on a coroner's jury, sat stolidly listening to the evidence for an hour or so. Then, his eyes wandered to the shrouded corpse, he advanced slowly, raised the corner of the sheet, and exclaimed in horror-stricken tones:

"Mein Gott, shentlemens! Dot man ish dead!"

During the Boer War an old Irishman inquired of a friend how the fortunes of battle were going.

"Not very well," was the reply. "The Boers captured a regiment of Royal Irish Fusiliers yesterday."

"Och, virral willa!" wailed Pat. "Thot of shud ever live to see Irishmen fightin' for Englishmen and gettin' licked by Dutchmen!"

John and George, small sons of a minister, after listening to one of their father's sermons, decided that they must baptise their family of cats. The kittens made no objections, and one by one they were dipped under the water in the big tub.

But when the mother cat's turn came she fought and scratched until at last John remarked: "Just sprinkle her, George, and let her go to Hell!"

When an eight-year-old got to school, his teacher said to him: "Why, you certainly look wonderfully clean this morning. Who washed you?"

The Boy—"My father washed me this morning, and, say, if you ever want a bath, and want to be good and clean, you just get my father."

Janie had been taken to the Home for Feeble Minded, but the doctor's examination proved her merely subnormal, so she was sent back to the orphan's home.

Said Mamie to Anna in a burst of confidence: "Janie was sent away to be an idiot, but she couldn't pass an 'had to come back'!"

She let him in, and he lounged with easy grace into the first chair that went past.

"Ebbeth," he said thickly, but with great earnestness, "Ebbeth" his wife's name was Elizabeth—I've—I've got a quickened coshience."

"A what?" she asked. "A quickened coshience—I've got a confession 'tink."

"You can make it in the morning," she said imperiously. "I'm going to bed."

"No," he protested with much vehemence. "Can't—can't—wait—wait—can't go 't sleep 't' th' stoid ommy mind. Been—carrying gully secret too long."

"What have you been doing?" she barked. "Tell me quick, for heaven's sake!"

"Sawful 't' think 'bout it. Y—' wouldn't b'lieve it of me, Ebbeth; I've been—"

"Speak!" shrieked the almost frantic woman. "Speak! Tell me all, quick!"

"Libbetti," he said solemnly, "Libbetti, I've—I've been drinking!"

Xavier, Henrique Goncalves, and Pedro Rozario, (Senior).

STREET OFFENCES.

CHIEF CONSTABLE AND "NEW FEATURE."

MOTORISTS AND WOMEN.

Evidence with regard to what the Chief Constable of Manchester referred to as "a new feature" in street offences, was given at the resumed Home Office inquiry, which is being conducted under the chairmanship of the Right Hon. H. P. Macmillan.

With other witnesses, the Chief Constable was asked to explain the diminution which had taken place in recent years in prosecutions for soliciting, and he stated that the reduction in offences was partially due to the introduction of motor traffic, men in cars and on motor-cycles picking up women and taking them into the suburbs or the country.

Similar evidence in regard to Birmingham was given by the deputy-chairman of the justices. It was urged that legislation should be introduced to deal with this class of offence.

Public Morals.

The committee first sat in private, and immediately the proceedings were opened to the public a man at the back of the room protested to the chairman against the committee sitting in private. They had been told, he said, that justice was impossible without publicity, and that sittings in private were against law and justice.

The Chairman: We note your protest.

In a statement the interrupter proceeded: "I made Ramsay MacDonald and Stanley Baldwin Prime Ministers, although it may seem a very strange thing to say."

The chairman explained that certain witnesses, because of the character of their evidence, declined to make statements unless they were heard in private. In order that the proceedings should be assisted in every way the committee were anxious to take that course where it was considered desirable.

The interrupter: Will you hear me in public?

The Chairman: Send in your application and we will consider it. But will you give us your name?

The interrupter: I would rather not.

The Chairman: What! No publicity? (Laughter.) I can hardly undertake to hear a man who declines to give his name.

The incident then closed.

Mr. S. E. Short, deputy-chairman of the Birmingham Justice, then gave evidence. There had been a considerable decline of late years, he said, in the charges for solicitation brought before the Court, and he attributed this to improved police supervision, earlier closing of licensed houses, and better lighting of streets.

The Chairman: I should like to know whether you feel that in administering the existing code there is any risk of injustice being done to these women, or any women?

Witness: There is always a risk, but with the care that is taken it is a very remote one. He did not think that in the administration of the present police code any injustice resulted.

The Bishop of Durham pointed to the great decrease in the number of prosecutions from six to three, to one to four during a period when the population had been nearly doubled.

"I do not want to make too big a claim," said Mr. Short. "The motor-bicycle and the motor-car take people out for purposes which are not ideal, but they get beyond our jurisdiction. We may lose some in that direction. The trouble may not be concentrated as it used to be."

Do you think there is a real moral improvement in your community?—Oh, yes, I believe so, although it is not as great as one would like it to be because there is naturally more promiscuity among young people.

The Chairman: It is the regular practitioners whose ranks have been diminished?—That is so.

Period of Detention.

On the question of penalties, witness said he would not increase them. It would mean that women would have to earn more money by the same means. He would rather see in the interests of the women detention for the purpose of bringing about some reformation.

The Chairman: Would you be in favour of increasing the period of detention or imprisonment on successive offences?—Cumulatively, but not as a punitive sentence.

You think the retention of the description "common prostitute" enables you to keep the streets decent and at the same time does not operate unjustly towards this class of women?—Yes, if the law were altered he thought it might have the result of operating unjustly upon innocent persons.

The Bishop of Durham: Do you think the reason there has been such a striking diminution of the number of arrests is the introduction of motor cars to take offences out of your area?

Witness: Not mainly. Of course, we are getting better, I think, in the main, but there is a considerable number of men taking women into the suburbs and the country by motor-cars. That is my general impression.

Mr. M. P. Pugh, prosecuting solicitor for the Birmingham City Police, appointed by the municipal corporation, gave evidence relating to the administration of the police code in regard to cases of women. He said there was no satisfactory definition of common prostitute in the Act.

The majority of the women to whom they were referring, witness said, had men living with them.

The Chairman: Living on their earnings?

Witness: We suspect that, but we cannot prove that anything that could be done to make it easier to prosecute those men would be a great advantage.

The Chairman: If a woman has the money penalty paid for her there is no real deterrent in the penalty at all?—None. They are not very frightened by a fine, but they are frightened of getting imprisoned.

Police and Bribes.

Suggestions that the police might be bribed occasionally, witness said, arose in a large number of cases from men personating police and bullying women in a compromising position. They threatened that if they did not give them money they would arrest them.

Replying to the Bishop of Durham, witness said it was conceivable there might be an understanding to bribe a constable if he would take a bribe, but he did not believe it. Some of those who had admitted there was no truth in it. He had heard women say the police had a "down" on them. The woman probation officer had never found a case where there was the slightest foundation for the allegation.

Mr. Robert Bell, clerk to the justices of Manchester, was questioned by the chairman regarding the diminution in the number of prosecutions for soliciting in Manchester, which had fallen from 1,299 in 1911 to 148 in 1927. Witness thought that "the system of carrying on the business had changed."

The Chairman: Do you think there is less solicitation in the streets in Manchester?—I am perfectly certain there is.

The Bishop of Durham: To what do you put that down?

Witness: I think to the introduction of motor traffic.

The Bishop of Durham: But to no moral improvement?

Witness: I think a little, but I am not prepared to say to what extent.

Mr. John Maxwell, chief constable of Manchester, said that the magistrates were exacting in proof of annoyance. While there was a diminution in the number of prosecutions, police of standing were employed quite as much on the streets, cautioning offenders. Their duty was preventive as well as detective.

Mr. Pickford quoted from witness's statement that on twenty-three occasions plain-clothes officers kept watch and detected 117 cases of soliciting from motor-cars. A man in a car would stop beside a girl and say, "Can I take you for a ride?" In ninety cases the invitations were unsuccessful, but in twenty-seven cases the women entered the cars and were driven in the direction of the suburbs and country districts. "Is that a new feature?" Mr. Pickford asked.

Mr. Maxwell: It is a feature that has sprung up in the last ten years.

Mr. Pickford: I suppose you have no powers to deal with it if the car is kept practically on the move?—That is my difficulty. I think if there is any legislation to be provided something should be done to deal with this class of offence. It is fairly extensive.

The committee adjourned.

LONG VOYAGE.

FALMOUTH TO SYDNEY BY YACHT.

Sydney.—A remarkable voyage, occupying 137 days, was concluded when the yacht "Ada," with the owner, Mr. McCormick, who is 71 years of age, on board, arrived at Sydney.

She left Falmouth on Sept. 15, and on her way here called at Madeira, Barbados, Panama, the Marques Islands, and Tonga, covering a total distance of 12,849 miles. The voyage was uneventful, and was made without a yard or a spar being broken, the Ada proving to be thoroughly seaworthy.

Mr. McCormick was accompanied by Mr. Neville Dangar and Commander Nash (as navigator), and each of the three kept watch in turn. A special 200-gallon tank had been fitted in the vessel in addition to the 100-gallon tank which she carried normally. This was replenished at each port of call, and tinned provisions were also shipped to supplement the three months' supply taken on board at Falmouth.

MONEY.

WHY IT MAY NOT BE ACCUMULATED.

AMAZING EFFECTS.

The spacious munificence of the unknown donor of £500,000 whose generosity has filled the Chancellor of the Exchequer with surprise and gratitude is remarkable also for a legal reason. By virtue of the provisions of the Superannuation and Other Trust Funds (Validation) Act of 1927, it may go on accumulating, with interest and compound interest, notwithstanding the Rule against Perpetuation, and the Accumulation Acts 1800 and 1892.

The amazing effect of accumulating property for long periods has for many years been recognised by the law, and in ordinary cases such accumulations are strictly limited. In 1800, when Thellusson's Act was passed, the Rule against Perpetuation was in existence. But it permitted the income of real and personal estate to be accumulated during the whole of the period of "lives in being" and 21 years afterwards.

This gave the ingenious and eccentric Mr. Thellusson his chance; and he made a will (which was held valid) directing the income of his property to be accumulated during the lives of all his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who were living at the time of his death for the benefit of some future descendants who should be living on the death of the survivor.

The will filled the Legislature with alarm. It was said that the usual object of attempts to create perpetuities was to preserve the power and greatness of a great family. The effect of Mr. Thellusson's accumulation was to impoverish his family and cut it off from supplies for three generations. His will was described as a mad and pernicious freak.

Therefore the Act was passed which forbids accumulations for more than four alternative periods; the life of the settlor, or 21 years from his death, or during the minority of any person living at his death, or during the minority of any person who, if of full age, would be entitled to the income.

But from all these restrictions the unknown patriot's gift is free. It may go on accumulating for the lawful object of reducing the country's debt; and in a hundred years his £500,000 will amount to nearly £1,000,000. — "Daily Mail."

TOOTH BRUSHES.

BRITAIN'S BIG ANNUAL SUPPLY.

The number of tooth brushes used in the United Kingdom in 1924 was 1,243,000 dozens—over 14,500,000—according to the statement of Mr. F. A. S. Gwatkin, who appeared for the Master Bone Brush Makers' Association at a Board of Trade inquiry, into the question of whether imported tooth brushes and shaving brushes should bear the indication of their origin, under the Merchandise Marks Act. Mr. Gwatkin further stated that the importation of brushes was greater than the home production, and it required a very clever expert to tell a foreign manufactured article from one produced at home. The marking of the foreign article could be done without difficulty, and the cost would be infinitesimal. It was quite as difficult to distinguish between foreign and home-made shaving brushes.

At the outset of the inquiry, the chairman (Sir H. Llewellyn Smith) was asked by Mr. Russell Vick, barrister, to postpone the inquiry for a week to allow the oppositen to prepare their case. A number of big firms importing fancy goods were opposing, but at the last moment they found themselves without having prepared the necessary evidence.

The chairman intimated that the inquiry could not be adjourned, and Mr. Russell Vick withdrew from the inquiry. At the close Sir Llewellyn Smith said he would reserve his report for a fortnight in order to give the opponents an opportunity of considering the case, and calling evidence if they wished to do so.

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Mr. Leo d'Almada, Snr., at the Central Magistracy yesterday, put forward a plea for leniency when representing an Indian constable, named Nanak Singh, who was charged with accepting from a hawker a bribe of 10 cents.

Mr. P. J. J. Voeckhouse, C.I.E., D.S.P., who prosecuted said that he had evidence to show that the defendant did demand a bribe, which he obtained.

The constable was fined \$100.

Suleide, without there being any indication as to the state of mind, was the verdict at "Skegness" on George Bricknell, a fruit hawker, who was said to have taken 200 sylvan tablets.

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE DEMI-BRIDE" AT THE QUEEN'S

FINAL SHOWING TO-DAY.

"The Demi-Bride" starring Norma Shearer proves to be one of the really first class comedies of the year. The picture opened at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday and has been greeted by full houses. Although Miss Shearer has appeared in a wide range of roles during her screen career, it is probably safe to say that the utter lack of sophistication in this one, her latest, seems more suited to her than some of the others in which she has appeared. The picture opens with Norma as a student at a French boarding school and keeps her as a naive and almost child-like person throughout. Lew Cody is excellent as the gay young bachelor of Paris whose heart is captured by the school girl who outrivals more worldly women. Carmel Myers handles the role of the stepmother in a very satisfactory manner, while Dorothy Sebastian adds quite a number of laughs and suspense to the picture. "The Demi-Bride" will be shown to-day for the last time.

WORLD THEATRE.

"Stella Dallas," a remarkable picture in many ways will be seen at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The story deals with the life of one young girl of to-day, and it is typical of thousands whose habits are within the knowledge of everyone. Ronald Colman who has endeavored himself to film fans for his work in "Beau Geste" and "The Magic Flame" once more does some wonderful acting in this unusual picture which was written by Olive Higgins Prouty and directed by Henry King. Playing opposite Ronald Colman is Belle Bennett who is Stella Dallas in the picture. Others in the large cast include Alice Joyce, Jean Hersholt, the great character actor Lois Moran and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

STAR THEATRE.

Something which is different in the way of underworld mystery dramas is to be seen in "The Unholy Three" which comes to the Star Theatre to-day. The story concerns the adventures of criminals who leave a great show and during their operations give rise to a romance that lends a great quantity of colour to the plot. "The Unholy Three" is a film adaptation of C. A. Robbin's story and has a peculiar twist that has never before been introduced into this type of picture. Lon Chaney gives a wonderful interpretation of a dwarf while Mae Busch plays the part of an Irish girl who is in league with the gang. Victor MacLaglen, star of "What Price Glory" is also given a prominent role. Lovers of mystery stories should not hesitate to see this unusual picture.

"STEP OUTSIDE!"

U. S. COUNSEL'S THREAT TO SLAP K.C.'S FACE.

There was an amazing scene at a sitting in Dublin of the Commission appointed by the High Court of Florida, U. S. A., to take evidence concerning the domicile of the late Mr. Richard ("Boss") Croker.

Miss Curwen, who collapsed recently when under cross-examination by Mr. B. F. Paty, an American counsel who is appearing for Mrs. Bula Croker (the widow) went again into the witness-box.

Mr. Paty had not put many questions to her when Mr. Albert E. Wood, K.C., counsel for the children of the late Mr. Croker by his first wife, objected to what he described as Mr. Paty's badgering tone and bullying manner.

Mr. Paty, jumping to his feet, accused Mr. Wood of making a deliberate misstatement.

To this remark Mr. Wood retorted: "It is only a statement made by a counsel who is a practitioner familiar with the lowest of the low class of police practice in the slum courts of great cities."

Mr. Paty: You will know what I will do in a minute. I will slap your face. Step outside the room and I will slap it right off.

Mr. Wood: Third degree methods.

Mr. Paty (pointing to the door): I dare you to walk out.

Mr. Wood: Mr. Paty, you have addressed me personally. I refuse to treat you otherwise than as counsel for the defendant, Bula Croker, and expect from you at least civilised conduct in a civilised country.

The inquiry then proceeded.

Mr. Skalski, the Roman Catholic Polish prelate who has been charged by the Soviet with counter-revolutionary activities, is being tried in camera by a tribunal presided over by Ulrich, who is known as the "Bloody Judge."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Demi-Bride."
To-day—World Theatre; "Stella Dallas."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Unholy Three."
March 14—Queen's Theatre; "Two Arabian Knights."

March 15-17—Queen's Theatre; "My Best Girl."
March 15-17—World Theatre; "The Understanding Heart."

March 15-17—Star Theatre; "The Sap."
March 22—Musicals at Helena May Institute.

March 25—Dance given by Club de Recreo, Kowloon, 9 p.m.
March 27—Dinner and Concert at Club Lusitano, 7.30 and 9.15 p.m. respectively.

Sports.

To-day—H.K. Hockey Club 2nd XI v. 3/15th Punjabis, Marina Ground, 5 p.m.

March 14—Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI v. 3/15th Punjabis, U.S.R.C. ground, 5.15 p.m.

March 14—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Trevesa") Trophy starting at 4 p.m.

March 17—Extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Race Course, Happy Valley.

March 19-23 Billiard matches, Club Lusitano, 6 p.m.

March 20-R. H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) bogey competition, New Course, Fanling.

March 24—Annual University Athletic sports, 4 p.m.

March 31—Fanning Hunt Steeplechase (Baster Meeting).

Lammers' Auctions.

March 14—At 465, The Peak, Barker Rd., valuable household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

March 14-15—Goods & Chattels of Mrs. F. K. Cameron of 13, Queen's-road Central, 10 a.m.

March 15—At Sales Room, Duddell St., a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

March 17—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., one Studebaker Motor car (5-seater) and one Cadillac Motor car (7-seater), noon.

Meetings.

To-day—Meeting of Marine Engineers' Guild of China, 67, Des Voeux-rd., Ctl., 6 p.m.

March 16—Thirty-ninth general meeting of the H.K. Electric & Co., Ltd., Company's offices, P. & O. Bldg., noon.

March 20—Yearly meeting of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 2, Queen's Bldg., noon.

March 20—Annual meeting of members of the Victoria Recreation Club.

March 21—Thirty-ninth annual meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., noon.

March 26—Fifty-ninth general meeting of Shareholders of the H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, noon.

April 14—General meeting of members of The Prince's Bldg. & Land & Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), 6, Des Voeux-road Ctl., noon.

Miscellaneous.

March 14—Rev. Mr. R. T. Vonn, M.A., Chaplain of H.M.S. "Titanic" preaches "The Meaning of Repentance" at St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

March 15—Reception at Club Lusitano for Shanghai Billiardists, 5.30 p.m.

March 17—Annual prize distribution at St. Joseph's College, by Mrs. E. Ralphs.

March 18—Inaugural ceremony of the opening of the first section of the Macao-Shekki-road.

March 21—Dinner by Committee and Members of H.K. Chinese Chamber of Commerce, to Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, at Chinese Merchants Club, China-bldg.

March 30—Annual dinner of the Institution of Engineers and Ship-builders, 8 p.m.

BROADLAND "KING."

60 YEARS' LIFE IN A HOUSEBOAT.

The death of James Fuller, known locally as King of Rockland Broad, near Norwich, has removed from Broadland one of its most interesting characters. He lived for the greater part of 60 years in a houseboat on the broad, getting his living by fishing and reed cutting and with the aid of his gun. Possessed of keen sight, he was a splendid shot, and is said on one occasion to have killed eleven birds with one shot.

Although he had not slept in a bed for nearly 60 years, he died in one, while his favourite dog was killed by a motor-car a day or two before.

He could tell the name of any wild-fowl when on the wing, while his knowledge of local fish life was second to none.

He had often fallen into the broad, and once laughingly remarked that he had staked out the exact place where he was going to be drowned. How he used to reach his houseboat, moored in the reeds on foggy and stormy nights was a puzzle.

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Mrs. Kelevy, of Red Lion-street, Nottingham, has given birth to boy triplets.

The Canadian farmers, after a fortnight's tour of England, left Liverpool-street for Denmark.

Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen has been appointed a Cadet in the Hong Kong Government Service.

A lioness in the private menagerie of Mr. G. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of Maidstone, has given birth to her fifth litter of cubs.

Tables, books, and packs of cards were confiscated when 38 members were arrested in a police raid at the Carlton Club, Glasgow.

The deaths in London in the first three weeks of last month were 4,174, compared with 5,168 in the same period last year.

The Newington, S.E., justices by a majority of 11 changed the Sunday closing hour of public houses in the division from 9 to 10 p.m.

Fourteen motor-omnibuses were destroyed in a fire which burned the garage and engineering depot Company at Motherwell to the ground.

Mr. H. A. Grant Watson has been appointed British Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Guatemala, Central America.

Hertfordshire County Council has decided to oppose the road transport Bills which the railway companies are introducing in Parliament.

The number of visitors to the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, last year was 569,318, the previous highest having been 535,116 in 1909.

The fire brigade arrived at the Albert Hall, following an alarm of fire, only to find that some rags had caught fire and were smouldering in a kitchen.

Two men were seriously injured when a crowded motor-omnibus taking 14 workmen to Northfield, Birmingham, overturned on Griffith's Hill, Selly Oak.

"There is much more kindness and tolerance in London nowadays," said Sir Oliver Lodge in an address at a luncheon hour service at Christ Church, Westminster.

The wife and daughter of H.E. the Governor of Macao, Madame & Mlle. Barbosa, are on a visit to Hong Kong. They came over on Sunday evening by the "Taishan."

The Rev. Mr. R. T. Venn, M.A., Chaplain of H.M.S. "Titanic," is to preach on "The Meaning of Repentance" at the 5.30 p.m. service in St. John's Cathedral to-morrow.

Dr. Jose Uriburu, formerly Argentine Minister in London, who was recently appointed the first Argentine Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, arrived in London from the Continent.

Miss Violet Lorraine, who retired from the revue stage on her marriage in 1921, is to return for two performances in a straight play which is being presented by Mr. Andre Charlot in a West End theatre on April 22 and 23.

The Home Office announces that Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, is fully restored to health, but has been ordered by his doctors to refrain as far as possible from outdoor speaking while Parliament is sitting.

Among the passengers arrived by the "President Jefferson" from Manila yesterday was Mrs. G. S. Harrell, wife of the Manila passenger agent of the Dollar Line, who was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Harrell was formerly Miss Marsh, of Kowloon, and is on a visit to her parents.

Among the passengers on the "President Jefferson," sailed to-day for Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, San Francisco and Los Angeles were:—Lt. Col. A. D. Radcliffe, Mr. C. J. Clackett, Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Hogan, Mr. H. M. Muir, Mr. W. C. Murray, Mrs. C. Dreyer, Mr. & Mrs. H. Bell, Miss L. J. Richardson.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Miss G. Gale of No. 63, Hollywood-road, was charged with driving a private motor car while in an intoxicated condition on Tai Po-road on Feb. 23. Mr. D. H. Blake appeared for the defendant, who was not present in Court, and asked if the case could be remanded for one afternoon, as he thought medical evidence might be necessary. The case was accordingly adjourned till 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20.

Mr. A. R. Kennedy, Conservative M. P. for Preston, is not to seek re-election.

Sir William Vincent has been reappointed a member of the Council of India.

The Earl of Coventry, who is 89 years old and has been a Worcestershire county councillor for 38 years, will not seek re-election.

The name of Lt. N. Garland, B.Sc., appears in the list of appointments to the Hong Kong Civil Service as an Assistant Marine Surveyor.



DR. SUN YAT SEN.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the father of the Chinese Revolution, the third anniversary of whose death was observed yesterday in the greater part of China Proper.

Mr. Carlos Cabral, Commissioner of China Maritime Customs at Peking (in the south-west of Kwangtung) and family arrived in Hong Kong on the s.s. "Chenan."

While cycling along the Hog's Back, Surrey, an R.A.C. scout, R. C. Batterham, came into collision with a car driven by Dr. Griffith, of Aldershot, and was killed.



The "Christian General," Feng Yu-shiang, an ally of the Nationalist who has removed his headquarters to Kuifeng but is remaining at Loyang.

A dinner will be given by the Committee and members of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce to the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, head of the local office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd. prior to his departure from the Colony. The function will be held on Wednesday, March 21, at the Chinese Merchants Club, China-building.

Before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning, a street coolie was arrested for the theft of a cotton jacket from No. 284, Temple-street, and also of returning from banishment after having been deported from the Colony for ten years. The defendant pleaded guilty to both charges and was sentenced to eleven months' hard labour on the count of returning from banishment and a month on the larceny charge.

Passengers in an omnibus had a narrow escape at Catford Bridge, S.E., when one of the "Archway" vehicles running between Highgate and Elmers End left the road and, crossing the pavement, crashed through the fence and stopped with the front wheels hanging over the supporting wall on the western side of the bridge over the Southern Railway line. One passenger, a woman, complained of shock. Before she left the roadway the omnibus collided with a large touring car, owned by Mr. H. G. Lumsden, of 57, South Norwood-hill, South Norwood, who was travelling from London to South Norwood.

The change over to automatic telephones was successfully carried out at Nottingham at midnight.

Last year 44,708,719 national savings certificates were sold, compared with 39,748,076 the previous year.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the office of president of the Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society for next year.

A dog, a parrot, two canaries, and a goldfinch were burned to death in a fire which completely destroyed the Lytham Pier Pavilion Cinema.

"I wonder when youth will learn that marriage is a man's job and the responsibilities thereof a giant's."—Mr. Cairns, the Old-street magistrate.

The Middlesex County Council is to request the Alexandra Park Trustees not to entertain proposals to use the Alexandra Park buildings for dog racing.

A safe weighing more than 2 cwt. was taken by thieves who broke into the British and Argentine Meat Company's premises in Seven Sisters-road, Holloway, N.

Madame Tamara Karsavina, the Russian dancer, came back to the Coliseum for a short season in mail week with a new partner, Mr. Keith Lester, a young Oxford man.

The recent visit of Mr. Amery, Secretary for the Dominions is to be commemorated by naming a peak in the Rocky Mountains "Mount Amery." The peak is 10,900ft. high and is in Alberta.

Among Private Members Bills which will be introduced in the House of Commons next session are a number of Bills embodying the demands of the railway companies for road transport powers.

The Home Secretary has rejected the petition for a reprieve presented on behalf of James Joseph, a policeman, sentenced to death for the murder of Olive Gordon Turner, who was found drowned in a canal.

Carpenters and labourers constructing the Stadium for the Olympic Games at Amsterdam in July have gone on strike, but the officials state that no anxiety need be felt as to the completion of the work in time.

The skeleton of a man of exceptional stature, who, it is thought, may have been one of Cromwell's men killed at the battle of Winnebago, has been unearthed in Edlington Hall Wood, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.

Dr. H. Brierly, Registrar of Wigan County Court, who is 81 years old, has since his 80th birthday been appointed Registrar of St. Helens and Widnes, and now has three courts under his administration.

In a vain attempt to find the body of a girl thought to have been drowned, searchers at Penryn-mawr, near Newbridge, Monmouthshire, placed mercury inside a loaf of bread and fastened it to a spar in the belief that it would attract the body.

The first stage in the electrification of the central and part of the eastern sections of the Southern Railway suburban area will be completed in March, when the electric service on the Caterham and Tadworth branches to London, by way of Purley, will be opened.

The Birmingham police are searching for Hilda Barnett, aged 16, of 134, Normandy-road, Handsworth, 5ft. 1in. in height, with fresh complexion and dark brown bobbed hair, who has been missing since January 10, and was at the time of her disappearance wearing a pink velvet coat, black shoes, and dark grey stockings.

Lady Ho Tung, at a University Union social yesterday, distributed the prizes to the successful competitors in the indoor games tournament. The President of the Union, Mr. Peter Pau, welcomed Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung and paid a tribute to Sir Robert's work for China and his kindly and beneficent interest in the University.

A new Immigration Bill, which would increase the quotas from Great Britain and Northern Ireland has been introduced into the Senate, with the approval of Mr. Davis, Secretary for Labour, by Senator Watson. "It is estimated that the quotas from the different countries of Europe would be increased as follows: Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 34,097 to 73,039; Russia from 2,248 to 4,781; Italy from 3,845 to 6,091. There would also be minor increases for other countries."

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NEW CHAMPION.

BRITISH FEATHERWEIGHT BOXING.

20 ROUNDS AT N. S. C.

London, Last Night.
At the National Sporting Club, Harry Corbett of London defeated on points Johnny Cuthbert of Sheffield (holder) in a 20 rounds bout for the British featherweight championship.

[Cuthbert has held the title since last year, succeeding Johnny Curley.]
The contestants weighed in during the afternoon, as follows:—Cuthbert (holder) 126 lbs.; Corbett (challenger) 125½ lbs.—Reuter.

Later.
Risko won on points.—Reuter.

HOOD'S EASY WIN.

FRENCH BOXER OUTCLASSED.

TO MEET MANCINI.

Jack Hood (Birmingham), the welterweight boxing champion of Great Britain, made short work of George Rouquet (France) at the Ring, London, despite the fact that the Frenchman weighed about 12st, and was therefore in the neighbourhood of the heavy-weight class.

In the fourth round of a 15-rounds contest, after doing very much as he liked, Hood crumpled Rouquet with a blow to the body, and the affair ended without the intervention of the referee when Rouquet made it very clear by his attitude and his cries that he was unable to continue. He did not actually go down, but he was as certainly beaten as if he had been knocked out.

Hood, who looked stronger and fitter than ever gave a brilliant display with his left, but there is still more than a suspicion that he is rather fearful of taking too many risks with his right hand, which he fractured about a year ago.

There is no man of his weight in the world with a finer more powerful, or more accurate straight left, and if Hood could only use his right in the same way he would decidedly be fit to battle for the world's title.

Rouquet was really no match for him, and did well to last so long as he did.

Because of his superiority Hood is finding it difficult to get engagements unless he gives away much weight, but in April, at Holland Park, he will be severely tested when he meets Alf Mancini for his belt. This promises to be one of the most important contests of the year.

PAPER CHASE.

FANLING HUNT EVENT ON SUNDAY.

Making the pace from the outset, Mr. M. D. Erskine won Sunday's paper chase held by the Fanling Hunt near Lok-ma-chau, close to the British frontier on the New Territories. Another whipper-in of the Hunt was second in Mr. Morgan. Mr. T. C. Beck, nine host at the "Hunters Arms," was third and, incidentally the first heavyweight to finish. There were twenty starters of whom Mr. R. A. Wadson had the misfortune to break a collar bone after a fall from Durran.

Mr. Erskine on Rupert 1
Mr. Morgan on Nobleman 2
Mr. Beck on Strathmore 3
Also ran: Mr. Barne, Peking; Mr. Potts, Craigavon; Mr. Elliott, Caviere; Mr. Bayliss, Lord Seampdale; Mr. Drummond Moray, Robert; Lt.-Cmdr. Heaton, Vincent; Mr. de Villiers, Safety First; Mr. Phillips, Conquistador; Mr. Maas, More Better; Mr. Wadson, Durran; Dr. Durran, Drake; Mr. Backhouse, Sheila; Mr. Sturt, Two Step; Mr. Watson, Blotting Paper.

SHARKEY FAVOURITE.

New York, March 12.
There is great interest in tonight's fifteen rounds eliminatory heavyweight boxing contest between Jack Sharkey and Johnny Risko, in Madison-square Garden. Sharkey is favourite at two to one.—Reuter's American Service.

MISS GLEITZE.

Gibraltar, March 12.
The Channel swimmer, Miss Gleitze left Tarifa at noon on March 11 in an attempt to swim the Straits. She gave up a mile and a quarter from the African coast.—Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF 3 LEAGUE MATCHES.

SHEFFIELD UNITED WIN.

Principal league football matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted as follows:—
Division I.: West Ham 4, Leicester 0; Sheffield United 3, Bury 1. Div. III. (North): Merthyr 3, Gillingham 1.—Reuter.
Sheffield United are in the Cup semi-final, in which they have to meet Huddersfield. They are in rather a precarious position in the League where relegation is the bogey. By defeating Bury, the United go above Portsmouth on goal average but the outlook cannot be said to be very bright owing to the danger of falling twice Cup honours and staying off relegation. Tables to date follow:—

	Division I.					Goals.		
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	
Huddersfield	30	17	5	8	72	49	39	
Everton	31	14	10	7	56	38	38	
Cardiff	32	14	8	10	56	51	36	
Bolton	32	14	7	11	64	50	35	
Leicester	32	14	7	11	71	60	35	
Blackburn	31	13	9	9	47	51	35	
Newcastle	31	12	9	10	65	61	33	
Burnley	33	14	4	15	61	73	32	
Liverpool	32	11	9	12	72	65	31	
Tottenham	31	13	5	13	62	63	31	
West Ham	32	12	7	13	64	68	31	
Arsenal	29	11	8	10	64	63	30	
Middlesbrough	32	10	10	12	68	67	30	
Birmingham	32	9	12	11	54	62	30	
Bury	33	14	4	15	66	66	30	
Dorset	31	11	7	13	69	68	29	
Sunderland	29	11	7	11	57	57	29	
Aston Villa	30	12	5	13	61	61	29	
Manchester U.	30	10	7	13	48	55	27	
Sheffield U.	31	10	7	14	55	67	27	
Portsmouth	31	10	7	14	50	73	27	
Wednesday	30	6	10	15	64	63	22	

DIVISION III. (South)					Goals.		
	P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.						
Millwall	29	11	20	5	6	95	45
Northampton	29	18	5	6	80	47	41
Plymouth	31	10	5	10	65	44	37
Brighton	31	14	8	9	62	53	36
Exeter	30	13	9	8	57	41	35
Queens Park	31	14	6	11	61	39	34
Swindon	29	14	5	7	64	40	33
Walsley	30	13	7	10	60	51	33
Southampton	29	14	3	12	54	52	31
Crystal Palace	30	11	9	10	52	57	31
Brentford	32	13	4	15	67	60	30
Charlton	29	10	10	9	42	50	30
Bournemouth	30	11	7	12	54	56	29
Reading	29	10	8	11	47	51	28
Watford	30	10	5	15	51	59	25
Reading	30	11	3	16	55	65	25
Norwich	30	8	8	14	54	58	24
Weymouth	32	8	8	16	25	72	24
Coventry	30	9	5	16	51	69	23
Walsall	32	9	5	18	53	79	23
Queens	30	8	10	14	26	71	22
Leamington	29	8	5	16	64	74	21

SOCCER SURPRISE.

F. HARTLEY JOINS 'SPURS' AS PROFESSIONAL.

Frank Hartley, the Corinthian and amateur international inside left, has signed professional forms for Tottenham Hotspur.

He is the first member of the Corinthian club to turn professional, although throughout its history many members of the club have assisted the big League teams. Notable among these have been G. O. Smith, C. B. Fry, K. R. G. Hunt, A. E. Knight, E. G. D. Wright, W. J. Oakley, Stanley Harris—in fact, their names are legion.

Hartley captained the Rest team in the amateur international trial match at Ilford recently. He holds six international caps, the first being gained in 1923 against Ireland.

He is the son of an Oxfordshire farmer and when business permitted he played for the Oxfordshire county cricket team in minor counties championship matches.

The death of his father last year prevented him playing for the Corinthians against Newcastle United in the F.A. Cup-tie at the Crystal Palace. The family have since given up farming.

Any player signing for a professional club is entitled to receive an immediate payment of £10 and a weekly wage of £5.

BILLIARDS MATCH.

Getting only two less than maximum points, a Royal Navy six defeated the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers by 140 points in a billiards match at the Chief and Petty Officers' Club, R. N. Dockyard, last night. This is the first encounter between the two teams. Scores:—

S.B.P.O. Pyne	150
E.R.A. Davies	150
Jnr. Light	150
C.P.O. Best	148
E.R.A. Ellis	150
E.R.A. Emmerson	150
Total	898

2nd K.O.S.B.

C. Sgt. Yardley	184
Sgt. Watts	85
Sgt. Cook	142
Sgt. Barham	126
Pipe Maj. Mackie	120
C. Sgt. Bell	122
Total	758

RIFLE MATCH.

TAIKOO CLUB DEFEAT "BLUEBELL."

SHOOT FOR SPOONS.

A friendly rifle match was shot off at Tarkoo range on Sunday between H.M.S. "Bluebell" and Tarkoo Rifle Club, the winning team receiving spoons presented by Mr. Greig.

Teams consisted of ten men each, with the best eight to count, remainder of conditions according to Hong Kong Rifle League rules. Scores:—

Tarkoo Rifle Club.	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Totals
D. B. Bone	28	31	31	90
K. Boulton	20	25	28	74
T. Grimshaw	31	30	26	87
S. Hope	22	23	25	70
H. Maxwell	27	23	23	73
A. Melndee	30	31	26	87
K. McLennan	25	32	29	86
W. E. Price	29	27	22	78
C. Summers	31	30	28	89
D. C. Walmsley	31	32	27	90
Totals	274	285	265	824
Less counted out				143
Total				681
Plus 4% for open sights				3
Grand total				684

H.M.S. "Bluebell."

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Lt. Nichols	30	30	27	87
Surg. Lt. Bingham	25	24	19	68
Comdr. Gunr. Gibbon	27	23	21	76
Ch. Writ.	21	13	25	65
Winter	20	23	22	65
E.R.A. Cooper	18	27	28	73
E.R.A. Nim-				
mens	27	22	18	67
A.B. King	20	23	22	65
Stok. Craig	19	24	19	62
Stok. Steven-				
son	25	20	23	77
G.I. Wright	23	29	18	70
Totals	235	255	220	710
Less counted out				127
Total				583
Plus 4% for open sights				23
Grand total				606

LAWN TENNIS.

HONG KONG C.C. ANNUAL TOURNAMENT.

Matches played yesterday in the Hong Kong C.C. annual lawn tennis tournament resulted:—
Open Singles: S. E. Green (an ex-champion) beat Dr. D. J. Valentin 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; H. Yoshida led I. M. A. Razack by 2 sets to 1 when rain interfered; this match will be replayed.

Open Doubles: E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher beat E. W. Raiton and A. Trambitzky 6-1, 6-3, 6-0.

Handicap Singles "A": J. R. Lawrie (owe 3/6) beat H. R. Remington (rec. 15) 6-2, 6-4; R. K. Valentine (rec. 5/6) beat Major C. Willson (rec. 4/6) 6-3, 6-4; W. B. Cornaby (rec. 2/6) beat Very Rev. A. Swann (owe 2/6) 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Handicap Doubles: C. C. Stark and H. R. Phelps (rec. 1/6) beat G. F. H. Richard and Lt. Waters (owe 5/6) 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

To-day's Matches.

Open Singles: V. M. Tregear v. Chong Tuck-wing; T. Honda (an ex-champion) v. T. K. Sun; E. C. Fincher v. S. S. Hussain.

Handicap Singles "A": A. E. Greensmith (rec. 15/1) v. Capt. E. H. J. Larkcom (rec. 4/6); W. M. Lyons (rec. 5/6) v. Lt. J. Healding (rec. 2/6); Rev. F. P. W. Alexander (owe 3/6) v. A. Piery (rec. 15/2); D. S. Green (rec. 15/1) v. Dr. D. J. Valentine (rec. 2/6).

Handicap Doubles: A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer (owe 15/1) v. Surg. Lt.-Com. H. Hurst and Dr. J. R. Craig.

Mixed Doubles: Mrs. Armstrong and G. W. Sewell (owe 15/3) v. Mrs. Blaker and G. Miskin (owe 1/6); Mrs. M. Hall and Lt.-Com. Agnew (owe 15/5) v. Mrs. Remington and H. Owen Hughes (owe 3/6).

LADIES' SHIELD.

Teams For To-morrow's Annual.

The annual competition for the Ladies' Shield, which is confined to the Ladies' Recreation Club, the Peak Club and the United Services Recreation Club, has been fixed for to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. In the event of the grass courts not being fit for play, the tournament will be played on the hard courts at the Ladies' Recreation Club.

The teams are as follows:—
L.R.C. (holders).—Mrs. Tottenham and Lady Stuart Taylor; Mrs. James and Mrs. Grigor.
Peak Club.—Mrs. Grimbly and Mrs. Davenport-Brown.
Mrs. Lindell and Mrs. Sayer.
U.S.R.C.—Mrs. Tyringham and Mrs. Miles; Miss Luard and Miss Tyrwhitt.

RACE ENTRIES.

STRENGTH OF THE "EVE" STABLE.

SATURDAY'S EVENTS.

With Bengal, and both this year's Derby griffins (Boxing Eve and New Year's Eve), the "Eve" stable is in a very strong position for the extra race meetings of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Some of the other "crack" ponies have been sent to Shanghai but there will be abundant interest when the second meeting of the season is carried out this Saturday. The First Aggregate Stakes is the big race of the day. Entries closed yesterday. Weights for the five handicap races have not been issued yet.

April Stakes: One Mile.

Mrs. Priestley, Kan; Dr. S. To Wong, Fair Eyes; Messrs. Kong Bros., Sea Front; Messrs. Chan and Rafeek, Nara Stag (late The Grouse); Mr. C. T. C. Southern Stag; Mrs. R. M. Austin, Social Call; Mr. L. Dunbar, Loch Tay; The Gannet; Mr. George Horford; Mr. Seth, Erstwhile; Messrs. Tester and Abraham, Wine Boy (late Madeira); Mr. H. P. White, Sea Hawk (late Loch Lomond II); Dr. F. Pierce Grove, Siang River; Little River; Mr. A. A. Miller, Tarzani; Mr. O. Kitchell, Zin (late Temple Hall); Mr. A. T. J. Graham, Easing Wold; Mrs. R. J. Paterson, Skipper; Mr. C. W. P. Richardson, Movanager.

Boa Vista Handicap "A" "B" and "C" Classes: Six Furlongs.

Mr. Eve, Boxing Eve, New Year's Eve, Bengal, Festive Eve; Mr. K. H. Kay, Comrade; Messrs. K. C. Lau and H. C. Lee, Duke of Nieblung, Duke of Verona; Dr. S. To Wong, Grey Eyes; Mr. Moon, O-Moon; Mr. H. L. Yung, Chatto; Messrs. Dunbar and Reidy, Tarmacadam (late Fame Hall); Mr. L. Reidy, San Diego, Tarzan; Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Blackstone Hall, Kom Tong Hall; Mr. Yam Man, May; Mr. Luen Yick, Warlordship; Mr. Huen Chung, Chow Tze Lon; Mr. K. H. Chama; Mr. Hau Un, Little Sit Tang; Messrs. F. Usher and A. D. Crabbe, Warrington; Messrs. F. Usher and L. Reidy, Macao Beauty, Charlie (late Berechurch Hall); Mr. F. Usher, Mowgli, Castle; Mr. A. D. Crabbe, Gold Medal; Messrs. Kong Bros., Sea Front; Messrs. Chan and Rafeek, Nara Stag (late The Grouse); Mr. C. T. C. Northern Stag, Southern Stag; Mr. Chan Tin-sion, Winsome Stag, Mongolian Stag (late Dumfries); Mr. R. M. Austin, Grey Knight, District Call; Mr. Seth, Meanwhile; Mr. H. T. C. Bright Eye; Mr. E. L. Hosie, The Haugh; Messrs. Tester and Abraham, Wine Boy (late Madeira); Hing Boy; Mr. H. P. White, Sea Hawk (late Loch Lomond II); San Francisco; Dr. F. Pierce Grove, Siang River, Little River; Mr. Dynasty, King of the Plains; Mr. A. A. Miller, Scooter; Mr. O. Kitchell, Zin (late Temple Hall); Mr. R. Gordon, Fire Call, Damaged Goods (late Four Horsemen); Mrs. R. J. Paterson, Ukelele, Dobbin, Skipper, Boukka; Mr. Wayfoong, Brown Jug; Mr. N. Hashim, Sunning; Mr. Hee Cheong, Man of War, Waichow; Mr. C. W. P. Richardson, Silver Fox; Mr. Tze U. Bright Prospect (late Lime-stone Hall); Mr. M. D. Erskine, Easter Day; Mr. Spits, Pegasus (late Manor Hall); Mr. H. A. Kelly, Barley Grass.

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As announced in "The Daily Mail," Mr. Atmore was sent to prison for two months last October by the Feltham, Middlesex, Bench, when, after a period of sick leave, he owed £18 maintenance money to his wife.

Recently Southend magistrates described the case as "a gross miscarriage of justice and monstrous." By his imprisonment, Mr. Atmore was dismissed from the Post Office and forfeited a pension and nearly £700.

Mr. Atmore is living in an isolated wooden house outside the town. "I only wish I could be reinstated," he stated, "but it would have to be from October 22,



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WHY THE BIG NAVY COLLAPSED.

HATRED OF OFFICERS.

[The causes of the demoralisation of the German fleet, which culminated in the revolution of 1918, are revealed in the diary of an ordinary seaman, Richard Stumpf, who, a Berlin correspondent points out, is a witness of unusual value.]

The explosion which started the Revolution of November, 1918, took place in the German fleet. It had been preceded, more than a year earlier, by grave acts of insubordination on warships, which had been punished by two executions and a number of long hard-labour sentences. Important as these events were historically, we have hitherto lacked an adequate explanation of them. The theory put forward by the apologists of the old regime, that they were caused entirely by the seditious agitation of the Independent Socialists, and were, in fact, the "stab in the back" of which Wilhelmian Germany perished, has been refuted by Parliamentary investigation and half a dozen lawsuits. Now, however, a book which was published a week or two ago has thrown a brightly illuminating light on this interesting question. Its title is "Why the Fleet Collapsed," and it is the diary of Richard Stumpf, who was an ordinary seaman on board the battleship "Heligoland," from the outbreak of the war till the spring of 1918, when he was transferred to the "Wittelsbach."

If this extensive document, which covers more than 200 large pages of painfully small print, was not commended to the reader by the Socialist Reichstag deputy Wilhelm Dittmann, and if it had not been quoted extensively by his Centrist colleague Joos in the Parliamentary Committee on the causes of the German debacle (before which, moreover, its author was exhaustively examined as an expert on the mentality of the fore-castle), the critical mind would at once suspect its authenticity. Stumpf is so obviously above his lower-deck part. His knowledge of things in general, and especially of international politics, is certainly equal to that of many members of the Reichstag.

An Unprejudiced Witness. However, the sponsorships already mentioned allow no doubt as to the authenticity of Stumpf and his diary, and, that being so, he must be accepted as a witness of unusual value. As a member of one of the Catholic trade unions (before his naval service he was, and he now again is, a tin-founder at Nuremberg), he was immune to the viruses of Socialism and Red Internationalism, and so escaped those biases which made the average Protestant German workman an inviolable and ruthless critic of the institutions and authorities of the old regime.

It would be difficult to secure to witness better qualified, both positively and negatively, to pronounce on the sentiments with which the German lower deck regarded the war.

As seen through the eyes, and heard through the ears, of Richard Stumpf, the gradual demoralisation of the German fleet, which culminated in the insubordination of 1917, and the revolution of 1918, was mainly caused by the incompetence, self-indulgence, arrogance, and brutality of the officers. Naturally, the long inaction of the fleet, the apparently purposeless oscillations between Kiel and Wilhelmshaven, the sickening of the heart by hopes perpetually deferred and gradually proved to be entirely vain, and the corrosive shortage of the primary necessities of life, were all important contributory causes to the final break-up, and as such figure prominently in the diary. But the embittering and enflaming factor is always the attitude of the officers, their failure to understand and sympathise with their men, their selfish junketings at a time when the fore-castle was on half-rations of bread, smeared sometimes with rancid lard, boiled up again with a few apples and onions to disguise its excess of flavour.

Food Shortage. By Whitsuntide, 1915, the shortage of food has become a suppurating sore, but this, again, is only because of the contrast between the conditions of the officers and those of the men. "While we must be satisfied with half the bread ration," says the diary, "in the mess there are junketings and carousals, at which six or seven courses are served up."

From this time onwards complaints against the officers become every day more frequent and more rancorous. In August, 1915, "everyone is agreed that after the war the privileges of the officer caste must cease." The men are in the habit of saying: "If it was only a question of our lives, and the gentlemen could direct operations from the land, something would have happened

long ago." A few weeks later the bread ration of the men has again been reduced, but "the officers still wallow in plenty and luxury." Almost every week there is a big dinner in the mess, at which "at least five meat dishes are served." Evidently dangerous ideas are already about, for Stumpf notes: "One must always remember that resistance at the present time might injure the Fatherland and arouse false hopes in the minds of our enemies. We are quite able," he adds, "to distinguish between the German Fatherland and its officers."

In January, 1917, the crew are all weighed in hospital, and Stumpf proves to have lost eleven pounds. To the question of the chief doctor whether he gets enough to eat, he replies in the negative, and is then told that he may go. In response to repeated complaints that the potatoes are uneatable, the first officer makes a speech, which ends conclusively: "Whoever doesn't like the potatoes can leave them, and if anyone else comes to me about them I'll have him locked up." But in May, 1917, Stumpf remarks that "on board there are still a good hundred who don't know that hunger hurts," and he asks bitterly: "Who could conquer a Germany with a popular King at its head, and without the saddening antagonism between poor and rich, and especially between officer and soldier?"

"No Fun Without England." On the first anniversary of Jutland he would "rather be a slave of the English than a German soldier." So far has he declined since the opening pages of his diary, in which he wrote the interesting confession: "Against England, the false and infamous, has our fleet been built." Later we have the confession that, whereas at the outbreak of war it was thought "that the thing would be no fun without England," it is now realised to be precisely England that has spoiled the joke.

The revolution in Russia has an immediate and powerful reaction on the crews of the German fleet. When Stumpf hears that the men of some of the Russian warships have thrown their officers overboard, he writes: "Bravo! That is something for us Germans to imitate." By the end of June, 1917, he cannot see the first officer of his ship without thinking, "If only I could cut his throat." He remarks that "if one listened to the talk of the sailors one might think that the events in Russia must soon be repeated here." He still thinks himself that Germany is "far from an upheaval of her foundations," but in August he has come to the conclusion that "heads must fall here."

But though he finds it "pitiful that so capable a people as the Germans should be so miserably led," he still writes of "the pure figure and noble intentions of the Kaiser." On Feb. 2, 1918, he notes that "everywhere the lower strata of the nation are fermenting and seething," and prophesies that "if there were a man to concentrate the existing discontent, one of these days the great eruption would be inevitable."

To show that, in spite of his disillusionment, embitterment, and hard words, the diarist till the very end was anything but an extremist it is only necessary to quote his entry on Oct. 16, 1918: "If we gratify the wish of this cold-hearted plutocrat (President Wilson) and send our Kaiser to the devil, I shall always be ashamed to have ever been a German."



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SCHOOLBOY VIEW.

RADLEY BOY LOOKS AT AMERICA.

INTERCHANGE VISIT.

The first half of our tour consisted of sightseeing and visiting various universities and public institutions, such as the Naval Training Academy at Annapolis. The Academy at Annapolis is most lavishly equipped, and on the swimming bath alone the Government spent about \$70,000. The buildings of some of the universities are very fine, but they are not likely to last, for in America the best of buildings are in danger of being pulled down after ten years to make way for new developments.

In the second half of our tour we visited a number of schools in New England which we found very similar to our own, though smaller. The chief differences are that corporal punishment and "lines," which play so impressive a part in our schools, are unknown and the sins of the American schoolboy, which, we were assured, are few, are punished by gating and other restrictions on privileges.

The fagging system is abhorrent to the democratic mind, and perhaps for the same reason nearly all authority and discipline are in the hands of the masters. The prefects, who are often elected by the boys themselves, have comparatively little importance.

School bills are for the most part high, but since the boys make their own beds, clean the rooms, and wait at table, a saving of \$40 a boy is made every year, except in the case of heavy breakages. For fear of these, at some of the schools the boys are forbidden to walk briskly in the dining-room, and crawl about as if paralysed. Forms in school are divided not so much according to intelligence as according to the year of leaving school, and their work is fixed in set year courses.

Our hosts were very anxious to explain all these things to us and make every allowance for our antiquated English ideas.

But we found several other customs that struck us as strange. For instance, at the Naval Training Academy at Annapolis in every form each boy is required to produce a photograph of his "girl." From these photographs one is selected by general vote to be the form girl; her picture is painted by a magazine cover artist, and from then on she presides over the destinies of the form.

Another amusing custom we saw at Columbia University, where several Sophomores, or men of their second year, clothed in black robes similar to those of the Ku Klux Klan, had seized on a number of freshmen and set them in some stocks, pinning to them placards reading:—

"I am smart, I break Fresh rules. Offence, not wearing hat."

This, they told us, was known as "hazing."

Though many things there were new to us, there were only three that we actively disliked—pumpkin pie, sweet potatoes, and the "cutting-in" system at dances. Pumpkin pie is a standard American dish, and something of an acquired taste. The taste for sweet potatoes, which I have not seen in England, cannot be acquired. It must be born in one.

The cutting-in system is in force at all dances. The music hardly ever stops, and the girls dance continuously. Whenever a man wishes to dance with a girl he touches her partner on the shoulder and the partner immediately surrenders her. This is said to speed up the already fast rate of marriage.

The great danger, of course, is to "get stuck" for the evening with a wallflower, but Harvard men say that it is allowable when stuck to hold a dollar bill behind the girl's back for the first who will cut in to take.

A minor annoyance was the railway service, which in speed, efficiency, and cleanliness was far behind anything in England. In transport and in traffic control the Americans have a good deal to learn from us.

No remarks about America would be complete without some reference to Prohibition; and I must confess that nearly all the Americans we met said that it had done great good. At the same time, during five days in New York I saw more cases of drunkenness than I had ever seen before.

A quality which we found in no way exaggerated by report was American hospitality. Everyone did his best to give us a wonderful time, and the most pleasant memories of our trip.

A settlement has been reached of the lightning strike of men engaged in building the new Imperial Restaurant in Regent-street, W., which had a sequel in the police court when a scaffolder was sentenced to 6 weeks' imprisonment for assault.

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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hai Hong 2 p.m.
Shanghai Sin Kiang 5 p.m.
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Letters (Mar. 17th) 10 a.m.
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Registration (Mar. 17th) 9.45 a.m.
Letters (Mar. 17th) 10.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 17.
Manila Empress of Asia 3 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 18.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Kajo Maru 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Kaying 9 a.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 19.
Shanghai and Japan Fushimi Maru 10.30 a.m.
Swatow Chakang 5 p.m.

NO HOLY WAR?

Mr. Amery On Ibsen's Intentions.

BRITISH SUBSIDIES.

Tribal Leader Received Over Half A Million In 6 Years.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. L. S. Amery said he was glad of the opportunity to deny a report that Indian troops were going to Koweit. He added there was no confirmation of the report that Ibsen had declared a Holy War or had in any way been identified with such a movement.

Communication with Ibsen was possible but slow. Mr. Amery still considered it unnecessary to send a British representative to Ibsen's court.

Mr. Amery added that the total cost of the subsidy paid to Ibsen from 1917 to 1923 was approximately £542,000. No Subsidy had been paid since 1923.—Reuter.

BRITISH POLICY.

TAKING INITIATIVE IN CHINA.

"CRITICISM UNDESERVED."

Mr. John D. Barlow, prospective Liberal candidate for the North-west Division, on Feb. 7 addressed the members of the '95 Club on the Chinese situation.
In recent years, he said, the British in China had been formed to take the initiative, and as a result they had had to bear the brunt of all criticism. Much of that criticism had been undeserved. On the whole, in view of the very difficult circumstances, he was inclined to think that the British Government had been right in the policy it had pursued.

57 Reasons.

America had undoubtedly shirked her responsibilities, and recently, while he was in the United States, he tried to impress upon certain senators and professors that the Monroe Doctrine was out of date. Fortunately, a large body of public opinion in America agreed that the Doctrine was out of date, and realised the responsibilities of America to the rest of the world. On the other hand, one senator with whom he talked produced at least 57 reasons why he thought it was not.

Tactical Support.

Since he left China the Kuomintang had tried to throw off the Bolshevik yoke. If they did genuinely throw off that influence they would, in his view, form the best Government for China. When they did so he thought British policy should be to support such a Government tactfully. But, of course, China must settle her own troubles. We could only support that which we considered the best. It was hopeless to support any temporary war lord.

Justice And Fair Play.

Our immediate policy in China—and in certain other parts of the world—had been criticised, but he came back from his recent travels all over the world with profound respect for the British sense of justice and fair play, which dominated our actions wherever we had any responsibilities.

STRONG INDICTMENT

PENNSYLVANIA COALFIELDS CONDITIONS.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

Washington, Yesterday.
The report of the Senate committee investigating the situation in that section of the Pennsylvania bituminous coal district where a bitter strike has been carried on for the past year describes the conditions as a "reign of terror" and severely criticises the housing conditions. It speaks of shooting into schoolhouses, immorality, the brutality of the strike breakers and, also, of the police employed by the mine owners.—Reuter's American Service.

The bi-annual ship's lifeboat race for the Trevesa Trophy will be held to-morrow. Entries close to the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club at 12 noon to-morrow.

BERT HINKLER.

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London, Yesterday.
His Majesty the King has awarded the Air Force Cross to the airman Bert Hinkler.

Apart from £2,000 granted by the Australian Commonwealth, Mr. Hinkler received cheques for £900 and £500 from Australian newspaper, public subscriptions.—Reuter.

MR. LUCY DANBY.

DEATH OF ARCHITECT'S WIFE.

A. B. ROUGH'S FUNERAL.

News has been received in the Colony of the death at Bath, England, of Mrs. Lucy Danby, widow of Mr. William Danby who founded the firm of Danby, Leigh and Orange, architects, in Hong Kong.

The late Mr. Danby came to the Colony first in Government service in the 'seventies and was responsible for the construction of the Taitam Reservoir and other works in connection with the Colony's water supply.

Mrs. Danby, on the death of her husband, left the Colony in 1908 and settled down at Bath. She was the stepmother of Mr. J. D. Danby, member of the staff of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

Bluejack's Funeral.
The funeral took place at Happy Valley yesterday of Able Seaman Ronald Rough, of H.M.S. "Robin" who was the victim of a shooting incident at Kamchuk, West River, on Friday last.

The cortege, which left the Royal Naval Hospital at 5 p.m., was headed by a firing party from vessels of the West River flotilla followed by the gun-carriage on which was the coffin covered by a Union Jack and the wreaths of H.M.S. "Robin." Eight of the deceased's messmates, followed as pall-bearers.

The Senior Naval Officer of the West River, Commander Clarke, followed, accompanied by Lt. Comdr. Poland, commanding H.M.S. "Robin," Lieut. Ashby, H.M.S. "Robin," Lieut. Agutter, H.M.S. "Onslaught," and Sub-Lieut. Alexander, H.M.S. "Tarantula." Wreaths were carried by other members of the crew of H.M.S. "Robin" and ships of the River Patrol.

When approaching the cemetery, the band of H.M.S. "Vindictive" played the March Funere, and the gun-carriage passed through the ranks, with the firing party of 12, also from the River Patrol, standing with bowed heads and arms reversed.

At the graveside, after the reading of the funeral service, three volleys were fired, while a bugler sounded the Last Post and the Reveille.

Wreaths were sent by: Captain and Officers H.M.S. "Robin," Ships Company, H.M.S. "Robin" ("Missed by his comrades"); S.N.O., West River and officers of H.M.S. "Tarantula," Ships Company, H.M.S. "Tarantula," Captain and Officer, Chief Petty Officers and Ships Company of H.M.S. Moth; Commanding Officer and Ships Company, of H.M.S. "Nessus"; Able Seaman Farthing, H.M.S. "Nessus"; Commanding Officer and Ships Company, H.M.S. "Faulkner"; Commanding Officer and Ships Company, H.M.S. "Onslaught"; Officers and Men, H.M.S. "Peterel"; Officers and Ships Company, H.M.S. "Cicala"; Ships Company, H.M.S. "Gannet"; H.M.S. "Moorhen"; H.M.S. "Bluebell," and Ships Company, H.M.S. "Tamar."

A fire, which destroyed the stock rooms on the second, third, and fourth floors, broke out in the luncheon hour at the factory in Pentonville-road, Islington, N., of the Cartons and Arboret Syndicate Ltd., postal tube makers.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 8/16.

AGRICULTURE.

Research Service Recommended.

LOVAT REPORT.

Colonies To Be Asked To Contribute.

London, Yesterday.
The report of the Lovat Committee, which had been considering a scheme for the creation of a Colonial agricultural and scientific research service estimates the cost at £127,000 and recommends a joint council and two committees, the latter dealing with agriculture and animal health respectively, to sit at the Imperial Institute while a room be made available at the Colonial Office for agricultural advisers.

The chief adviser should be a distinguished scientist at a salary of £2,500 with an assistant at £2,000. It was essential to attract the best men if permanent results were to be expected. The Empire Marketing Board was willing to help substantially in the cost and the Colonies were invited to contribute.—Reuter.

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS ISSUED FOR THIS WEEK.

FOUR RESIGNATIONS.

Hong Kong Police Reserve orders issued by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G. Captain Superintendent of Police, to-day, read as follows—

Chinese Company.

Parade:—All members of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Wednesday, March 14, for Company Drill under Sergeant R. J. Hunt. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—blue uniform, cap with cover, and belt.

Flying Squad.

Resignations:—Constable R.334 J. Carr is permitted to resign as from March 9 in consequence of his being about to leave the Colony. Constable R.323 O. Ismail is permitted to resign as from March 8 upon having completed one full year's service. Constable R.304 A. B. Hanson is permitted to resign as from March 1 under the conditions of Sect. 19 of the Hong Kong Police Reserve Ordinance 1927.

Patrol:—The weekly instructional Patrol will be held in Hong Kong on Thursday, March 15. Fall in at 5.15 p.m. sharp at Central Police Station Compound.

Training:—Members who have not yet been passed out of Part 1 will attend at the Central Police Station Compound at 5.15 p.m. sharp on Thursday, March 15 for squad drill under Sergeant R. J. Hunt.

Indian Company.

Resignation:—Constable R.230 H. N. Mehra is permitted to resign as from March 8 upon leaving the Colony for good.

ARMS HAUL.

SHANGHAI CONSTABLE'S CAPTURE.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
A Settlement policeman observing a procession of Chinese coolies leaving a Wayside wharf, each with a sack upon his shoulder, stopped the foremost to search, whereupon the others dropped their sacks and fled.

The sacks contained 380 automatic pistols and 30,000 rounds of ammunition.—Reuter.

REPORTER FINED.

DROPPED ATTACHE CASE ON OFFICIAL'S HEAD.

New Delhi, Yesterday.
Chamanlal, the reporter of the "Hindustan Times" who dropped an attache case on Sir Basil Blackett's head at the conclusion of the debate on the statutory committee was fined Rs. 250 with an alternative of three months' imprisonment.—Reuter.

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